

## TOWN BRAWL

President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney participate in the second presidential debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012.

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# Cuba lifts a much-reviled rule: the exit visa

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**HAVANA** – In a country of limits, it is the restriction that many Cubans hate the most: the exit visa that the government requires for travel abroad but rarely grants, trapping most Cubans looking to leave even for just a few days.

Now that bureaucratic barrier is on its way out. The Cuban government announced Tuesday that it would terminate the exit visa requirement as of Jan. 13, letting many Cubans depart for vacations, or forever, with only a passport and a visa from the country where they plan to go.

The new policy – promised by President Raul Castro last year, and finally announced in the Communist Party newspaper – represents the latest significant step by the Cuban government to answer demands for change from Cubans, while also maintaining a

significant measure of control.

Cuba's doctors, scientists, military officers and other professionals have long faced tight restrictions on travel, and the new policy includes a major caveat allowing the government to limit departures to "preserve the human capital created by the Revolution in the face of the theft of talent applied by the pow-

erful."

But it also gives Cubans leeway to stay abroad longer, letting them remain outside the country for two years before losing their rights to property, citizenship and benefits like health care, an increase from 11 months under the current policy. Analysts say the government is encouraging more Cubans to travel so that they can go earn money

elsewhere and return, injecting capital into the island's moribund economy. Whether that creates a temporary – or permanent – mass exodus, Cubans and experts say, will be determined by how many people have the means and passports to leave, and which countries welcome them.

"The decision to lift the exit visa is a significant one for several reasons, although like most of the new reforms, it depends a great deal on how it is implemented," said Robert Pastor, professor of International Relations at American University. "Nonetheless, by removing a state barrier to leave, this reform could lead to a large outflow – many of whom will eventually want to come to the United States – or it could begin to allow a circular flow of people that could enhance the economic opening of the island."

The Cuban government's earlier small steps toward a market economy have created an opening of measured proportions. There are now hundreds of thousands of small-business owners on the island of 11 million people, but not nearly in the numbers that the government initially said it needed to cut back on the nation's bloated public payrolls. Moreover, they are hardly tycoons who are independent of the government's traditional power hubs of the military and the Communist Party. Especially in Havana, many Cubans have remained skeptical about Castro's commitment to change, noting frequently that celebrated new laws – allowing for property sales and entrepreneurship, for example – were later larded with restrictions and taxes that so far have ensured only minority participation.

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A woman shows her passport and that of her son to reporters as she leaves an immigration office in Havana, Cuba, Tuesday, Oct 16, 2012. The Cuban government announced Tuesday that it will no longer require islanders to apply for an exit visa, eliminating a much-loathed bureaucratic procedure that has been a major impediment for many seeking to travel overseas for more than a half-century.

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# Clinton takes responsibility for Benghazi security

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's pre-election bid to shoulder blame over the deadly terror attack in Libya failed to silence Republican criticism that President Barack Obama is not protecting U.S. diplomats overseas.

Her written statement was sure to re-emerge as a prominent issue in Tuesday's second debate between Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney, and could have long-term ramifications given the persistent speculation that Clinton might run for president in four years' time or stay in public life. And it prompted the Obama campaign to say the president joined Clinton in accepting responsibility.

"Every time an American dies abroad, everybody takes responsibility, from the top down," said Stephanie Cutter, Obama's deputy campaign manager. Asked in an interview whether

that included Obama, she said: "Absolutely. ... He's the president of the United States."

In her statement, Clinton

By becoming the first top administration official to assume blame for the attack last month on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya,



**U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton pauses while delivering a speech after meeting Peru's President Ollanta Humala in Lima, Peru, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012. Taking responsibility for security at the U.S. consulate in Libya where an attack by extremists last month killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans, Clinton said Monday in Lima, that security at all of America's diplomatic missions abroad is her job, not that of the White House.**

(AP Photo/Karel Navarro)

accepted responsibility for the safety of the State Department's staff and diplomatic missions. It was quickly brushed aside by leading Republicans.

she sought to take the heat off Obama for the worst debacle at a U.S. embassy or consulate overseas in more than a decade. Four Americans, including the

U.S. ambassador to Libya, were killed in the Benghazi attack. But her message left several lingering questions unanswered, such as whether the attack on the 11th anniversary of 9/11 occurred because of intelligence failures and why administration officials insisted for days afterward that the violence stemmed from protests against an American-made video ridiculing Islam. "I take responsibility," Clinton said, reiterating comments she made in a television interview late Monday. "I'm in charge of the State Department's 60,000-plus people all over the world (at) 275 posts."

Clinton's remarks may have been intentionally vague. Neither in her interviews or her statement does she spell out what exactly she assumes responsibility for, a tactic that may have been employed to avoid culpability for specific failings or tasks strictly outside her control.

State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said Clinton "was extremely

clear what she takes responsibility for, which is the operation of this department, all of the men and women here."

But that assessment offered nothing definitive about intelligence that may have been used to make security decisions before the attack or the administration's initial accounting of the incident as the byproduct of angry protests. The administration since has referred to a well-coordinated terrorist attack. The intelligence may have come from the CIA or other agencies beyond Clinton's reach; the post-attack messaging likely would have been coordinated by the administration as a whole — especially after Romney attacked an independent statement made by the U.S. Embassy in Cairo on the day of the Libya attack. The Benghazi attack has turned deeply political even within the State Department, with Clinton turning message management over to one of her most trusted aides, Philippe Reines. □

## Press group says violence threatens Americas media

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**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Violence and authoritarian governments are the biggest challenges to an independent press in Latin America, the Inter American Press Association said Tuesday at the end of its 68th General Assembly. "Violence against the physical integrity of journalists and a growing intolerance of authoritarian governments constitute the primary problems that face the independent press today on the continent," a statement said at the conclusion of the meeting in Sao Paulo.

IAPA said 13 journalists were murdered over the past six months in Mexico, Honduras, Brazil and Ecuador, "for the simple fact that they were doing their work."

It accused the presidents of Venezuela, Argentina and Ecuador of "trying to silence" independent journalism in their coun-

tries "through regulatory legislation, discrimination in official advertising, and immense state-run and private media mechanisms used to slander and carry out dirty campaigns."

IAPA criticized Argentine President Cristina Fernandez for failing to appear at news conferences and said her plans to "advance against the audiovisual media of the Clarin group" are a threat to freedom of the press.

The Argentine government has said Grupo Clarin must sell off most of its broadcast stations by Dec. 7.

Clarín, one of the government's leading media critics owns 240 cable systems, 10 radio stations and four TV channels in addition to its flagship daily newspaper. It has challenged the 2009 media law's anti-monopoly clauses limiting the number of stations any one company can own as unconstitutional.

Jaime Mantilla, president

of the Ecuadorean newspaper Hoy, was elected IAPA's new president.

"I am assuming the presidency at a time when the freedoms of our America are going through a dangerous moment," he said via a videoconference

from Ecuador's capital, Quito.

Mantilla said many governments and groups in power want to "make the thoughts of free citizens uniform" and "terrorize and even eliminate anyone who denounces the abus-

es committed by those in power."

He said the "serious problems that my newspaper and my country are facing due to attacks by the government" led him to decide against attending the IAPA meeting. □

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# Similar names create chaos in Maine prostitution case

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Associated Press

KENNEBUNK, Maine (AP) —

Paul Main's quiet evening was shattered by a phone

prostitution business have run rampant in this small New England town best known for its proximity to the Bush family summer



Associated Press/Jim Cole - Retired sheriff's deputy Paul Main poses in his shop at his home Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 in Alfred, Maine. Main's phone has been ringing off the hook since a person with his same name, accused of visiting a prostitute in Kennebunk, was released on Monday.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

ringing off the hook and a half-dozen TV crews showing up on his porch. Everyone wanted to know: Was he the same Paul Main who's been accused of visiting a prostitute in Kennebunk?

The answer was no. But a decision to release the names of alleged prostitution clients without any ages or addresses caused big problems for men who have the same names as the accused, until a judge deemed more information should be public.

For weeks, rumors about a

compound in neighboring Kennebunkport.

On Monday, authorities released the first batch of names out of more than 150 men accused of paying a Zumba fitness instructor for sex.

"I don't have a problem with releasing names. I think it's a wonderful thing, but I'll be darned if it's right to do it in a shoddy manner," said Main, a retired spokesman and head of the detective division for the York County Sheriff's Department.

The addresses, ages and

other identifying information of the johns were withheld after a judge ruled that state law required them to be kept confidential because the alleged sexual encounters may have been videotaped, making the men potential victims of privacy invasion. On Tuesday, Superior Court Justice Thomas Warren reversed his decision, ruling in favor of a request from The Portland Press Herald newspaper that sought the release of the addresses and other information.

Kennebunk police re-issued the names with the added details. The revised list included former South Portland Mayor James Soule and suspects from more than a dozen towns in Maine, as well as one from Boston and another from New Hampshire. The men ranged in age from 34 to 65 and also included a lawyer, a forester and a real estate appraiser.

Soule did not return calls to his home and business, and no one answered door at his home.

Before the extra information was released, the lack of addresses and dates of birth made it impossible to verify exactly who was among the accused. Most records released by police and courts have that information. □

## US Briefs

## US-Canada crossing closed after agent shot in the neck

BLAINE, Washington (AP) — An official says a Canadian border agent shot at a Washington state crossing was breathing when she was flown to a hospital, but there's no further word on her condition. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cpl. Bert Paquet says the border officer was in her booth when she was shot in the neck at about 2 p.m. Tuesday by a man trying to enter Canada in a van with Washington state plates. He says it appears the suspect then quickly shot himself to death. Paquet says investigators are trying to piece together what happened and why. □

## Surgery delayed for Filipino dog hero that lost her snout

DAVIS, California (AP) — A dog from the Philippines who became an international hero after she sacrificed her snout to save two young girls will have to wait a little longer for surgery to replace her missing muzzle. The Sacramento Bee reports that veterinarians at the University of California, Davis said Tuesday that Kabang needs treatment for heartworm and chemotherapy for a vaginal tumor before she can undergo facial reconstruction. The mixed-breed dog ended up in Davis last week after a nurse from Buffalo, New York, spearheaded a fundraising campaign to bring her to the U.S. Veterinarians in the Philippines had been unable to treat her injuries. Newspapers in the Philippines reported Kabang had her snout and upper jaw sheared off when she jumped in front of a speeding motorcycle while she was walking with her owner's daughter and niece. □

## Aerialist Wallenda plans tight rope walk near Grand Canyon

SARASOTA, Florida (AP) — Aerialist Nik Wallenda says he's planning a tightrope walk near the Grand Canyon, but he won't be wearing a safety harness like he used at Niagara Falls. Wallenda told Sarasota Herald-Tribune Tuesday that he has signed a contract with an unnamed cable network to broadcast the roughly half-mile (0.8-kilometer) walk. In June, the 33-year-old Florida aerialist crossed a 1,800-foot (550-meter) span over Niagara Falls. The event was televised live by network ABC, which required Wallenda to wear a safety harness despite his protests. The paper says his contract for the walk near the Grand Canyon specifies that he doesn't need a harness. No date or exact location has been announced. Wallenda says he's in negotiation with two American Indian tribes whose reservations border Grand Canyon National Park. □

## NY evangelical college probes 'Obama' filmmaker D'Souza

NEW YORK (AP) — A scholar behind a high-grossing conservative documentary that condemns President Barack Obama is under investigation by the evangelical college he leads in New York. The board of The King's College is questioning school president Dinesh D'Souza about his relationship with a woman who is not his wife. The news-magazine WORLD reports D'Souza last month attended a conference on Christian values with a woman he called his fiancée. □

# Hurricane Rafael wets Bermuda, expected to fizzle off East Coast

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Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) —

Fast-moving Hurricane Rafael was barreling past Bermuda on Monday night, driving gusty winds and pelting rain as its center traveled east of the storm-hardened British Atlantic territory.

By 8 p.m. EDT, Rafael was a Category 1 hurricane with winds of 85 mph (140 kph) as its spinning center was located about 115 miles (190 kilometers) east-south-east of Bermuda. Since hurricane-force winds only

extend outward by some 35 miles,

Bermuda was being buffeted by tropical-storm-force winds that were expected to subside by Wednesday morning.

Satellite images showed the big storm system dwarfing the tiny British territory, where strict building codes are enforced to withstand rough weather.

The hurricane was moving north-northeast at 26 mph (43 kph) and it was expected to gradually weaken over the next 48 hours as it heads out further

over the open Atlantic.

Forecasters at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Rafael was expected to fizzle out later in the week.

Bermuda Weather Service director Kimberley Zuill said wind gusts at the territory's highest areas could reach up to 75 mph and warned of the possibility of flooding. "We have already been under the effects of Rafael this morning as the first rain band

swept across the area bringing rainfall to much of the island," Zuill said. □



# Obama jabs at Romney in crucial debate

**HEMSTEAD, New York (AP)** — President Barack Obama went on the attack against Republican challenger Mitt Romney in a critical debate Tuesday, looking to rebound from an earlier matchup when he was seen as listless and distracted.

The stakes of the town hall-style debate could not have been higher. With just three weeks to go before Election Day, the race is locked in a dead heat and many Americans are already casting ballots in states with early voting. Obama strode onto the stage seeking a stronger showing than in the initial debate on Oct. 3, when he had sent shudders through his partisan supporters and helped fuel a rise in opinion polls by Romney, a former Massachusetts governor. From the opening moments, Obama was aggressive. He criticized Romney's opposition to the Democrats' bailout of the auto industry and rejected Romney's economic proposals as squeezing the middle class.

"Gov. Romney says he's got a five-point plan. Gov. Romney doesn't have a five-point plan. He has a one-point plan. And that plan is to make sure that folks at the top play by a different set of rules," Obama said.

He also said Romney had shifted positions on energy, criticizing coal production years ago and supporting it now. At least twice, Obama accused Romney of being untruthful.

Romney responded in kind. He said the Obama administration's spending was swelling the deficit and would lead to big tax hikes. He criticized Obama's handling of the economy and blamed Obama for high gasoline prices.

"The middle class has been crushed over the last four years," Romney said. The two men interrupted one another early and often, speaking over each other to the point that neither could be understood. "You'll get your chance in a moment. I'm still speak-



**Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama speak during the second presidential debate at Hofstra University, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, in Hempstead, N.Y. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)**

ing," Romney said as he tried to cut off Obama at one point.

There would be little time for either candidate to recover from a weak showing Tuesday. Only one more debate, next Monday, remains after Tuesday's faceoff and that one deals with foreign policy, a secondary issue in a race dominated by the economy.

Tuesday's debate was before an audience of 80 uncommitted voters posing questions to the candidates. Obama needed to strike the right balance in coming on strong against Romney without turning off the audience — and tens of millions of television viewers — by going too negative. Obama has said his first debate performance was "too polite."

The economy, the biggest issue in the election, was unsurprisingly the first topic in the debate. There are sharp differences between the two candidates. Obama says his policies prevented a catastrophic economic meltdown, saved the U.S. auto industry and has put the economy on the road to recovery. Romney, a wealthy businessman, argues that Obama has failed to turn around the economy and it is time for new leadership. Romney says he would revamp taxes, cut wasteful spending and crack down on what he sees as unfair trade practices by China. Obama says Romney's proposals are vague and

would favor the wealthy over the poor and middle class. International issues were also to be part of the debate, the first time the

candidates have squared off on the subject. Obama has long held an advantage in polls as the better candidate for handling foreign affairs. His campaign points to his withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq and the killing of terrorist leader Osama bin Laden. But Romney's campaign has put Obama on the defensive over his handling of security at the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, where four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador, were killed last month. Romney pressed the White House on the matter last week after Joe Biden said in the vice presidential debate that "we weren't told" about requests for extra security at the consulate. □

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# KSM, 2 other Gitmo defendants don't show in court

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**Associated Press**

**GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)** — Three Sept. 11 defendants took a judge up on his offer to let them skip their military tribunal Tuesday and the proceedings went on without them. The Guantanamo detainees won a new request to return to court in camouflage clothing if they wanted.

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-professed 9/11 mastermind, was not in the courtroom while attorneys delved into a dense debate on legal motions, including rules for handling classified evidence at trial and what kind of clothing would be allowed.

Only two of the five defendants made it to court for the second day of the weeklong hearing. Mohammed, Saudi defendant Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi and Pakistani national Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali — Mohammed's nephew — all stayed away.

The presiding judge, Army Col. James Pohl, ruled Monday that the defendants didn't have to attend the hearing every day this week, although he said they would have to attend their formal trial and may need to attend future hearings. Mohammed was taken from his cell at the U.S. base in Cuba to a holding cell outside the courtroom, then chose to boycott at the last minute, said a Navy officer whose name was not released by the court for security reasons.

The 47-year-old Mohammed, who has previously said he conceived and orchestrated the Sept. 11 attacks, gave no reason for sitting out the hearing. But on Monday, he dismissed the military tribunal with scorn, saying "I don't think there is any justice in this court."

Authorities have portrayed the other defendants as Mohammed's underlings, who provided logistical and other help to the Sept. 11 hijackers. All five face the same

charges, which include terrorism and murder, in what is considered one of the most significant terror prosecutions in U.S. history. They all could get the death penalty if

would be psychologically damaging for men who had been brutalized while held by the CIA in secret overseas prisons before being taken to Guantanamo in September

judge's questions and wouldn't use the court's translation system. This week, the men have all appeared in traditional loose fitting traditional tunics, vests and hats that they chose to wear. The judge also began hearing arguments Tuesday on a protective order, a set of rules for handling classified evidence that the defense and other critics say are overly broad. Protective orders are standard in civilian and military trials, and prosecutors say the one proposed for the Sept. 11 trial is necessary to prevent the release of classified secrets and protect national security. But defense lawyers say the rule would make it harder for them to introduce the men's own accounts of the conditions of their captivity during the several years they each spent in CIA-run overseas prisons, where they were subjected to what the government calls "enhanced interrogation techniques" that included being tied up in uncomfortable "stress positions," forced nudity, sleep deprivation and the simulated drowning technique known as waterboarding. The protective order contains provisions to censor or close proceedings that appear to violate constitutional protections for the right to open trials and will undermine the public's confidence in the military tribunals, said David Schulz, a lawyer for a coalition of media organizations that includes The Associated Press.

"The public right has a constitutional right to know what is being done in its name in this tribunal," Schulz said. The judge did not rule on the issue; testimony was scheduled to continue on Wednesday.

Mohammed and his four co-defendants face charges that include terrorism, conspiracy and 2,976 counts of murder in violation of the law of war, one count for each known victim of the Sept. 11 attacks at the time the charges were filed. □



**Guantanamo prisoner Ramzi Binalshibh, right, sits at a defense table with his lawyer Navy Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Bogucki, left, during the second day of the Military Commissions pretrial hearing at the Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base in Cuba, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012.**

(AP Photo/Janet Hamlin, Pool)

convicted at a trial that is at least a year away.

Al-Hawsawi and al-Aziz Ali didn't provide any reason for their absence, but a lawyer for al-Aziz Ali had said on Monday that his client's father had recently died in Kuwait and he was grieving for him. In attendance were Walid bin Attash, a Yemeni who grew up in Saudi Arabia, and Ramzi Binalshibh, another Yemeni who was originally chosen to be one of the hijackers but couldn't get a U.S. visa to enter the country. Both sat through the hearing without incident, apparently following the proceedings. Prosecutors had argued the rules for the special wartime tribunals known as military commissions require defendants to attend all court sessions, and said the defendants' presence would ensure the proceedings are legitimate. But lawyers for the men said the threat of forcible removal from their cells

2006.

The judge granted another concession to the defendants Tuesday, giving them more freedom to choose what they wear in court.

Mohammed and bin Attash had wanted to wear camouflage clothing in the courtroom at their May arraignment, apparently to portray themselves as soldiers, but the prison commander refused to allow it. The judge ruled they could wear some camouflage items as long as they were not U.S. military uniforms. Mohammed wants to dress like a "prisoner of war," said his lawyer, Army Capt. Jason Wright, and should be allowed to "wear the same type of uniform he wore while fighting for the U.S.-supported Mujahedeen in Afghanistan and in Bosnia," he said. Defense lawyers have said that the clothing restrictions had been a factor that led to their protest at their May arraignment, when the men ignored the



# In Iowa House race, White House run reverberates

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CRESTON, Iowa – As the sun lowered behind a nearby barn, Reps. Tom Latham and Leonard Boswell nipped at one another with unconcealed disdain begotten by months of negative advertisements and campaign miles. The setting, a tiny radio station situated more or less in an open field, could not have felt farther from Washington and the race for the presidency.

But the two men, locked in one of the hardest-fought House races in the country, are finding their campaign inextricably tied to the race for the White House, as Iowa emerges as one of the most contested states between Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama. Just last week, Latham, a Republican, appeared with Romney at a rally near Van Meter, Iowa, and former President Bill Clinton came to Des Moines to stump for Boswell, a Democrat. Boswell, who has struggled to raise money, is depending on Obama's extensive operation here, which exceeds Romney's, to pull him along. "I would say his campaign has an impact on mine," Boswell said. Latham, in contrast, has generally labored to keep his campaign largely independent from the fight for the White House, no doubt hopeful that if Romney fails



U.S. Reps. Leonard Boswell (D-Iowa), left, and Tom Latham (R-Iowa) debate at the KCCI TV studio in Des Moines, Iowa. Boswell and Latham are finding their campaign inextricably tied to the presidential contest as Iowa emerges as one of the most contested states between Mitt Romney, the Republican presidential candidate, and President Barack Obama. (Dave Weaver/The New York Times)

to win Iowa, he can still prevail in his own southern part of the state. "I don't see Gov. Romney getting more of the vote than I would here," Latham said. "Some undecided people are going with us." Latham's positioning reflects not only what is needed to win independent voters in his district, but also the problem Romney has created for some Republicans in Iowa with his opposition to subsidies for wind power, a major economic force here. Latham has openly disagreed with Romney on the tax break. Redistricting, which cost Iowa one of its five House

seats, has left these two long-serving incumbents vying for a new district that has been configured with roughly the same number of Republicans, Democrats and independent voters and stretching through a rural area from Des Moines to the Nebraska border. For all its local vigor, this race, which The New York Times has chronicled over the last seven months, has been a remarkable mirror of the federal campaign, with massive spending by outside groups, murky polling data and escalating nastiness. Just as many voters in swing states remain undecided about the presidential

race, interviews with voters in Des Moines – the heart of Polk County, where both sides believe this race will be won – show that some hyper-informed voters from both parties are torn about this election, too. Boswell, "has done a lot of great things over the years," said Patrice Maurer, an independent voter who works as a fundraiser for a nonprofit. She said she believes that Boswell would be more favorable to nonprofits than Latham. But Latham did a lot to save the 132nd

Fighter Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard, she added. She is torn, unnerved even. "I am going to vote," Maurer said, but for whom, well, who knows. She is also undecided about the presidential race. Boswell has an advantage: Des Moines is in his current district. Further, his campaign hopes he will benefit from the nearly 30,000 ballots cast by Democrats so far in early voting, versus roughly 16,500 by Republicans. □



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## Court throws out conviction of bin Laden driver Hamdan

PETE YOST  
Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court on Tuesday threw out the conviction of Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a former driver for Osama bin Laden who served a prison term for material support for terrorism. In a 3-0 ruling, the appeals court said that material support for terrorism was not a war crime under in-

ternational law at the time Hamdan engaged in the activity for which he was convicted. Hamdan was sentenced to 5 1/2 years, given credit for time served and is back home in Yemen, reportedly working as a taxi driver. "If the government wanted to charge Hamdan with aiding and abetting terrorism for some other war crime that was sufficiently

rooted in the international law of war at the time of Hamdan's conduct, it should have done so," wrote Judge Brett Kavanaugh of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. All three judges on the case were appointed by Republican presidents. The war crime for which Hamdan was convicted was specified in the Military Commissions Act of 2006. □





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# Syrian regime pummels rebels; at least 90 dead

**ZEINA KARAM  
Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — The Syrian military unleashed heavy airstrikes and artillery bombardments targeting rebel strongholds in the north on Tuesday, killing at least 90 people according to activists.

The barrage came as the U.N. food agency warned that more and more Syrians are depending on assistance from the World Food Program to stay alive with the civil war worsening. The airstrikes hit northern Idlib and Aleppo provinces, both bordering Turkey. Activists described them as some of the worst since rebels fighting to topple President Bashar Assad took over the key city of Maaret

al-Numan in Idlib on Oct. 10. The city lies along the main highway connecting Aleppo with the cities to the south, including Homs and the capital Damascus. Assad's regime has increasingly relied on warplanes in its struggle to crush rebels who have taken over large swathes of territory in the north.

Rami Abdul-Rahman, who heads the Britain-based activist group Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said the airstrikes were "concentrated and intensive" and the worst in weeks. He said warplanes carried out 12 raids in the area of Maaret al-Numan in one hour. The group relies on a network of activists on the ground. Abdul-Rahman said at least

90 people were killed in airstrikes and artillery shelling. He said it is often difficult to determine "what hit a town or a village" in the immediate aftermath of a strike. The Local Coordination Committees, another activist group, put the

death toll from airstrikes and artillery strikes at 96. In addition to the air bombardment, Human Rights Watch on Sunday cited allegations that Assad's government has been using cluster bombs — which are banned by most nations.



**This image taken from video obtained from the Shaam News Network, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, purports to show smoke rising due to heavy bombings from military warplanes, not pictured, in Idlib province, northern Syria. Syrian government warplanes unleashed deadly airstrikes on rebel strongholds in the country's north on Tuesday, activists reported.**

**(AP Photo/Sham News Network via AP video)**

The U.S. based group cited amateur video and testimony from the front lines. The Syrian military denied the reports, saying in a statement late Monday that the allegations were "baseless and are part of media propaganda that aims to divert international public opinion from crimes committed by armed terrorist groups."

Syrian authorities blame the civil war in the country on armed gangs and terrorists carrying out a foreign conspiracy to destabilize the country.

Fighting also continued in Aleppo, Syria's largest city with 3 million residents and its former business capital. Activists reported airstrikes in the town of al-Bab in Aleppo province.

Activists say that more than 33,000 people have died in the Syrian conflict, which began in March 2011 as a peaceful uprising against Assad's regime but morphed into a civil war. Journalists are increasingly getting caught up in the chaos. □

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## Egypt's top court lashes out over new draft constitution

**MAGGIE MICHAEL  
Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — Egypt's highest court lashed out Tuesday at an Islamist-led panel tasked with writing the country's new constitution, saying that some provisions proposed for the text undercut the court's mandate and keep it under the president's power. The work — and the composition — of the 100-member constitutional assembly has been the subject of a fierce debate in Egypt, and the country is still haggling over disputed articles in the

charter, some of which will determine the role of religion in the nation's affairs and the independence of the judiciary. Supporters of the panel drafting the constitution say it was set up by an elected parliament and broadly represents Egypt's political factions. Critics say the process is dominated by a majority made up of Islamists, such as the Muslim Brotherhood from which Egypt's new president, Mohammed Morsi, hails, and more radical groups, when it should be more consensual. With the nation in-

creasingly polarized, and mistrust between Islamists and other groups growing, the country's judiciary has emerged as a lifeline and final arbiter for settling most disputes. More than 40 legal challenges have been presented to the country's top administrative court demanding the dissolution of the current panel. Egypt's High Administrative Court put off a widely expected decision on the challenges Tuesday for next week, prolonging the suspense over the fate of the second panel to write the country's new charter.





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Tunisia:

## Attackers set fire to Muslim saint shrine



A man walks among burnt items after masked individuals attacked and set fire to the popular 500-year-old shrine of Manouba, west of Tunis, early Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012. The shrine, which serves as a refuge for poor women, is also a place of symbolic worship for many Tunisians who visit the shrine bringing along food, money and candles.

(AP Photo/Amine Landoulsi)

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Associated Press

**TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)** — Five masked men on Tuesday stormed into a 500-year-old shrine to a female Muslim saint near the capital Tunis that had previously been threatened by religious conservatives and set it on fire, the Interior Ministry said. Hardline Islamists are suspected in the attack on the shrine of Sayyeda Aicha Manoubia, a 13th century holy woman. It was one of several recent assaults on mausoleums for local saints. The attacks come as secularists increasingly worry that Tunisia's moderate Islamist ruling party is not confronting the extremist elements that have grown more active since the country's longtime dictator was ousted last year.

For centuries, local women have visited the tomb of the saint to ask for help with problems or to cure diseases, and many poor women seek sanctuary there. The ministry quoted four women staying overnight

at the shrine who said the attackers used flammable liquid to quicken the blaze and stole valuables from them. Hardline Muslims known as Salafis oppose the veneration of saints, a long-standing North African tradition, saying it undermines the Islamic belief in monotheism. □

## Europeans planning to fight in Syria raise new concerns

LORI HINNANT  
Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — European governments have been among the most vocal supporters of Syria's rebels — to a point: Last week, Muslims in Britain and France accused of trying to join the fight against the regime were detained. For security officials, the fear is that extremists with European passports who are alienated and newly trained to wage war will ultimately take skills learned in Syria and use them back home. In France, where an Islamic extremist trained in Pakistan attacked a Jewish school and a group of soldiers earlier this year, the fear is particularly acute. French officials have jailed eight people, including one over the weekend, describing the group as a network of French-born radical Islamists bent on targeting Jewish groups at home and fighting holy war abroad. They said the cell attacked a kosher grocery

with a grenade and had a structure in place to send Muslims to fight in Syria alongside the rebels.

"The enemies within will require vigilance and great determination," France's top security official, Interior Minister Manuel Valls, said Friday. "We know that there could be some who were not apprehended, who perhaps went abroad to fight."

Security officials worldwide have watched the aftermath of the Arab Spring with caution, particularly concerned that citizens who join the fight could return home more radicalized and with a new ability to carry out guerilla warfare. European officials have a particular concern: It's a short flight from the Mideast and the borders within the European Union are open for anyone with an EU passport or national ID, making undetected travel a simple matter.

"We have been keeping a close eye on who is going to Syria, but unlike Libya, there are multiple ways into the country and it's not as easy to track," said a European security official who spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to speak to the media. "Still, we're particularly concerned that people returning will come back with new skills that could present a threat to our security."

It's a sensitive and complex issue, say European intelligence officials. There's evidence that foreigners are joining the fight against Syrian President Bashar Assad, but their numbers — especially those from Europe — are believed to be small. But what is a minor issue in Syria could become a big issue in Europe, where many Muslims, even the native born, feel increasingly marginalized. □

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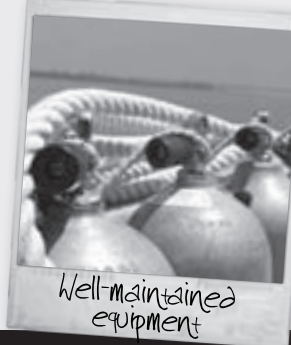


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## Merkel defends expensive switch out of nuclear power

JUERGEN BAETZ  
Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Tuesday defended her government's decision to phase out nuclear power and switch to renewable energies within a decade, but acknowledged the need to overhaul and speed up the transition plan. Business leaders have criticized the way the switchover has been managed, saying the costs are spiraling and hurting some companies. "We have achieved a lot but we are far from being where we should stand," Merkel told a gathering of the German Employers Association. The country's grid operators this week said a surcharge on households' electricity prices financing the expansion of renewable energies will increase by 47 percent on the year in January. A typical fam-



**The sun rises behind wind turbines in Nauen, near Berlin, Germany, October 12, 2012. Germany's tax on households' electricity bills to finance the expansion of renewable energies will rise almost 50 percent on the year as the country pushes ahead with phasing out nuclear power within a decade. The country's four main grid operators say Monday Oct. 15, 2012 that the tax will rise from 3.6 euro cents to 5.3 euro cents (US \$6.7 cents) per kilowatt hour starting in January. (AP Photo/Ferdinand Ostrop)**

ily of four will have to pay about €250 (\$324) per year on top of their bill, but many large companies are exempt from the surcharge to safeguard their competitiveness. The surcharge is used to guarantee producers of wind, solar or biomass power a long-term above-market rate for their electricity output, making sure their investments are profitable. Merkel acknowledged there is "urgent need to reform" the system because renewable energies' rapid expansion has led to sharply rising costs. She warned, however, that the changes won't be easy as they have been opposed by an increasing number of producers of alternative energies. "When a great number of people benefit from a law then it of course gets always more difficult to override that law by democratic means," she said. □

## Moody's confirms Spain's rating, outlook negative

The Associated Press

Moody's Investors Service on Tuesday confirmed its rating on Spain's government debt but assigned a negative outlook, signaling that a downgrade is still possible in the coming months. The rating agency said Spain's efforts to improve its financial position and the European Central Bank's willingness to lend support should give the government the time and flexibility it needs to stabilize its public debt over the next few years. It cited the government's commitment to measures that are helping bring Spain's debt burden under control. Spain has introduced a batch of austerity measures and financial and labor reforms to try to convince EU partners and investors that it is serious about getting its finances in shape. Moody's kept Spain's rating at "Baa3", its lowest

investment-grade rung. The negative outlook reflects Moody's recognition that the risks are still high for the financially troubled country. Spain's rating could be undercut by a lack of progress toward stabilizing the country's finances, or by external factors, such as Greece exiting the 17-country bloc that uses the euro, Moody's said. The move by Moody's comes after rival agency Standard & Poor's last week downgraded its rating on Spain's, leaving it also just one notch above junk status. S&P said the country's deep recession, high unemployment and street protest were limiting the government's options to deal with the financial crisis. Spain's government and banks are struggling through the country's second recession in three years, with unemployment at roughly 25 percent. □

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# Picasso, Monets stolen in brazen Dutch heist

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Associated Press  
AMSTERDAM (AP) — Thieves broke into a Rotterdam museum on Tuesday and walked off with works from the likes of Picasso, Monet, Gauguin and Matisse potentially worth hundreds of millions.

Police haven't said how they pulled off the early hours heist, but an expert who tracks stolen art said the robbers clearly knew what they were after.

"Those thieves got one hell of a haul," said Chris Marinello, who directs the Art Loss Register.

The heist at the Kunsthal museum is one of the largest in years in the Netherlands, and is a stunning blow for the private Triton Foundation collection, which was being exhibited publicly as a group for the first time.

"It's every museum director's worst nightmare," said Kunsthal director Emily Ansenk, who had been in Istanbul on business but returned immediately.

News of the theft "struck like a bomb," she said at a press conference in the museum's cafe.

She declined to reveal any details of how the thieves got in and out with the paintings, or how the museum is protected, other than describing its security as "state of the art" and

"functional."

Willem van Hassel, the museum's chairman, said its security systems are automated, and do not use guards on site.

Police arrived at the scene five minutes after an alarm was triggered, he said. He described the museum's insurance as adequate for the exhibition.

The collection was on display as part of celebrations surrounding the museum's 20th anniversary.

Police spokeswoman Willemieke Romijn said investigators were reviewing videotapes of the theft, which took place around 3 a.m. local time. She called on any witnesses to come forward with information.

The Art Loss Register's Marinello said the items taken could be worth "hundreds of millions of euros" if sold legally at auction. However, he said that was now impossible.

Interpol sent a bulletin alerting member countries to the theft, along with images of the stolen paintings.

They were: Pablo Picasso's 1971 "Harlequin's Head"; Claude Monet's 1901 "Waterloo Bridge, London" and "Charing Cross Bridge, London"; Henri Matisse's 1919 "Reading Girl in White and Yellow"; Paul Gauguin's 1898 "Girl in Front of Open Window"; Meyer de Haan's



Forensic experts dust the inside of a back door for fingerprints at Kunsthal museum in Rotterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday Oct. 16, 2012. Seven paintings by artists including Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet were stolen from a museum in Rotterdam in an early-hours heist, Dutch police said Tuesday. The theft at the Kunsthal museum is one of the largest in years in the Netherlands, and is a stunning blow for the private Triton Foundation collection, which was being exhibited publicly as a group for the first time.  
(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

"Self-Portrait," around 1890, and Lucian Freud's 2002 work "Woman with Eyes Closed."

Marinello said the thieves have limited options available. They may try to seek a ransom from the owners, the museum or the insurers. They could also conceivably sell the paintings in the criminal market — but only for a fraction of their true worth.

He said the idea that an unscrupulous private investor might have commissioned the works' theft was far-fetched.

"That's something that comes from Hollywood movies," he said. □

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## Dutch woman in Colombia rebel delegation in talks

**CAMILO HERNANDEZ**  
**Associated Press**

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)**

— The commander of Colombia's main rebel group says its delegation at peace talks set to begin this week in Oslo will include as a spokeswoman a young Dutch combatant who joined the insurgents nearly a decade ago.

Timoleon Jimenez, better known as Timochenko, also acknowledged in an interview that the talks' opening had been postponed by several days. Under an agreement signed in late August, they were to have begun in the first half of October.

"Before speculating we prefer to think that unanticipated delays have to do with the suspension of arrest warrants," Timochenko said in the audio interview recorded at an undisclosed location and broadcast by several Colombian media outlets.

Government officials did not comment publicly on the reason for the delay but Enrique Santos, an adviser to government negotiators and brother of President Juan Manuel Santos, said the arrest warrant issue as well as the rebels' late inclusion of the Dutch woman contributed to the delay, as did bad weather that delayed travel for

Ivan Marquez, a top rebel negotiator.

Santos said the talks would definitely begin by Thursday. A joint news conference is planned for Wednesday to formally mark the start of the talks.

The United States and European Union consider the Revolutionary Armed Forc-

An agenda set during six months of secret talks in Havana calls for agrarian reform, full political rights for the rebels and guerrilla disarmament once an agreement is signed. The FARC would also get out of the cocaine trade, its chief financing source. It claims to have already halted ran-

held at an undisclosed location before moving later in October to Cuba. Her participation could help boost the FARC's profile in Europe, where it has more support than in the United States.

Nijmeijer gained fame when she complained of disillusionment in a diary found in 2007, four years after she joined the FARC. In 2010, however, the Dutch woman appeared in a video distributed by the FARC pledging allegiance to the Western Hemisphere's last remaining major insurgency.

Since the last round of peace negotiations were held a decade ago, a U.S.-backed military buildup has badly battered the rebels.

The FARC was granted a Switzerland-sized safe haven for the last talks. This time, it gets nothing. And there is no cease-fire.

At about 9,000 fighters, the FARC is roughly half its 2002 strength. The military has killed three of its most senior leaders since 2008.

Timochenko, 53, complained that the government had not provided guarantees that all delegates the FARC named to the upcoming talks would be permitted to attend. □



**This file video grab made from an undated video distributed by the Colombian Army Friday, allegedly shows Tanja Nijmeijer of the Netherlands, an alleged member of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, FARC. Timoleon Jimenez, better known as Timochenko, the FARC leader, said on Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, Nijmeijer would be among rebel spokespeople in Oslo, where peace talks are to be held at an undisclosed location before moving later in October to Cuba. (AP Photo/Colombian Army)**

es of Colombia, or FARC, a terrorist organization.

The talks mark the fourth attempt since the early 1980s to end a nearly half-century-old conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

som kidnappings though authorities say it continues to extort.

The FARC leader said 34-year-old Tanja Nijmeijer would be among rebel spokespeople in Oslo, where the talks are to be

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## Montesinos cleared in 1997 killings

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — A Peruvian court has cleared ex-intelligence chief Vladimiro Montesinos and two former senior military officers of murder in the killings of three rebels during a celebrated 1997 hostage rescue.

The three-judge court found that one of the three rebels was executed after being captured alive but the other two had resisted the raid, in which commandos freed 72 hostages who had been held more than three months at the Japanese ambassador's residence. All 14 rebel hostage-takers were killed.

The reading of the verdict lasted eight hours and ended Monday night.

In December, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights decided to take up the case, saying Peru's justice system had proven itself incapable of bringing justice.

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**In Beijing:**

## ECLAC Executive Secretary meets with officials in China



Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Alicia Bárcena.

**- Alicia Bárcena held meetings with Vice Premier Hui Liangyu and Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi.** (16 October 2012) - The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Alicia Bárcena, met with high-level officials of the People's Republic of China as part of the first visit that the senior United Nations official carried out to the Asian country.

Ms. Bárcena held meetings in Beijing with Vice Premier Hui Liangyu and Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi. Vice Premier Hui stated that China values its relationship with ECLAC highly, and announced that his Government will improve contacts with the Commission in order to boost cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean. Hui praised ECLAC's role in this area, and stated that there is great potential for the two regions to strengthen their links. The senior Chinese official explained the current situation and prospects in terms of his country's economy. He commented that the major achievements of the past 34 years do not blind

them to the important fight against inequality to which they are committed. This is the reason for the emphasis on reducing town/city imbalances, narrowing the rural infrastructure deficit and making progress in innovation and technology. The Vice Premier stated that he was in charge of programmes to tackle poverty in China, and that he therefore followed ECLAC's work on such matters with interest. Alicia Bárcena took the opportunity to outline the basic message of ECLAC, stressing the importance of implementing equality for growth, as well as growing to implement equality. As demonstrated by the current international crisis in industrialized economies, inequality becomes an obstacle for growth and development. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC also recognized that bilateral cooperation will be significant, as China has become a major global power and Latin America is an emerging continent. "Both economies are very complementary", she stated. "We will continue helping to strengthen cooperation between China

and Latin America and the Caribbean", she added. According to figures from ECLAC, in 2011 Latin America and the Caribbean's share of trade with China grew to 6% of Chinese exports and 7% of Chinese imports. The Commission predicts that, into 2020, China will continue to significantly expand its position as a trading

partner of Latin America. In an earlier meeting with Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, Ms. Bárcena analysed the economic and trade relations between China and Latin America and the Caribbean. The Foreign Minister praised ECLAC's role in supporting closer relations between the two parties, and added that the United Nations regional

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San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Ryan Vogelsong (32) signals during Game 2 of baseball's National League championship series against the St. Louis Cardinals Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, in San Francisco.

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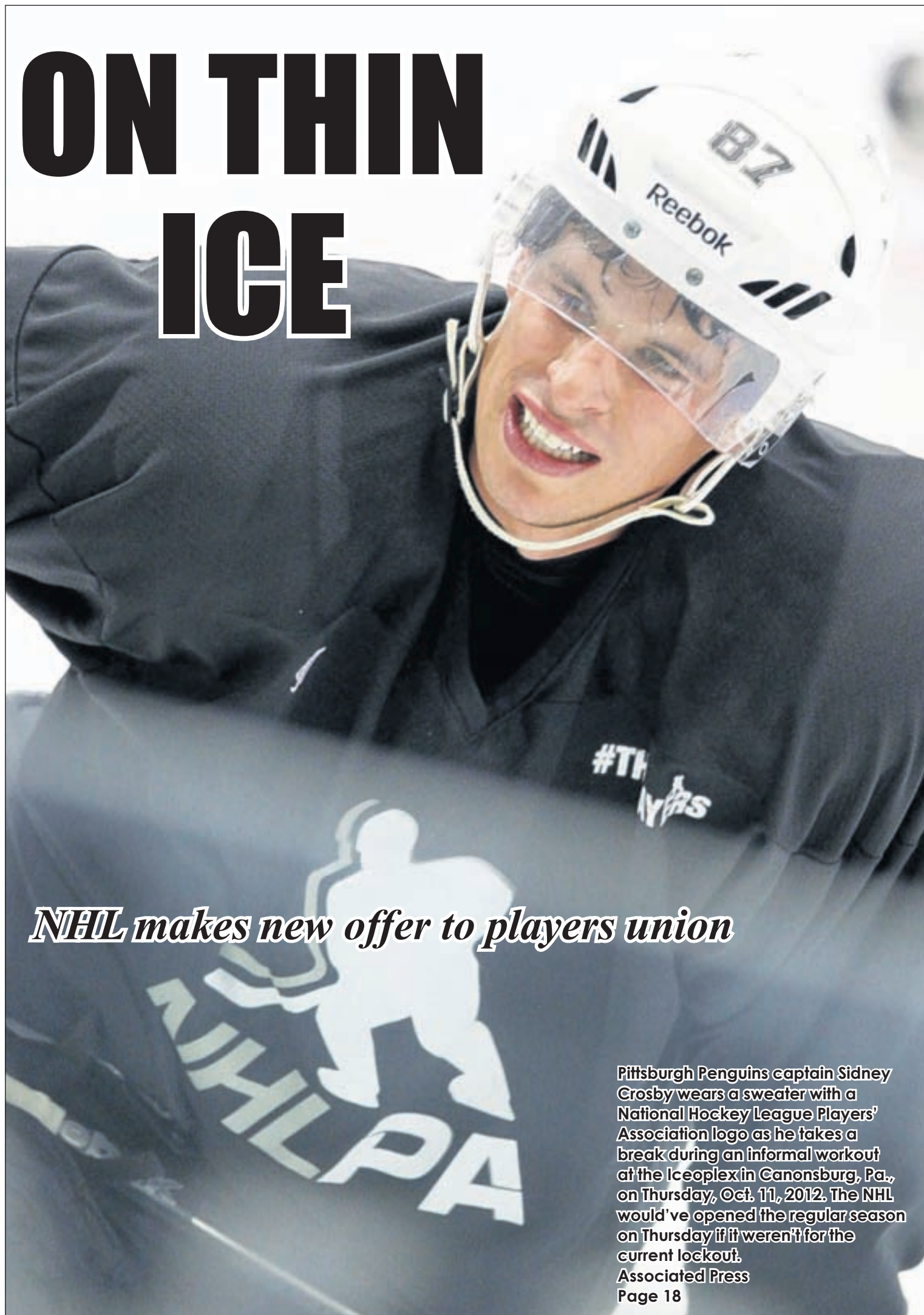
#### MLB Roundup

## Giants beat Cards 7-1 in Game 2 to even NLCS

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Marco Scutaro hit a two-run single in San Francisco's four-run fourth inning as the Giants leveled the National League championship series with a convincing 7-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 2 on Monday. The win was the Giants' first win in San Francisco these playoffs. The game got off to a torrid start when Matt Holliday barreled into Scutaro at second base to break up a potential double play in the first inning. The play angered a crowd that had seen three straight losses by the Giants so far this postseason. The San Francisco crowd quickly recovered its mood as Ryan Vogelsong pitched seven strong innings, Angel Pagan hit a leadoff homer for the Giants' first home lead this postseason, and Scutaro broke the game open with his single off Chris Carpenter.

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# ON THIN ICE



## NHL makes new offer to players union

Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby wears a sweater with a National Hockey League Players' Association logo as he takes a break during an informal workout at the Iceoplex in Canonsburg, Pa., on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012. The NHL would've opened the regular season on Thursday if it weren't for the current lockout.

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## Bettman, NHL make new offer in hope of full season

**TORONTO (AP)** — The stalled talks between the NHL and the players' association finally got a jump-start.

After watching 34 days pass without a new proposal being offered from either side in negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement, Commissioner Gary Bettman made a new offer to the NHLPA that proposes a 50-50 split of hockey-related revenue and a full 82-game season starting Nov. 2.

As talks resumed for the first time since last week between the league and the union, Bettman proudly announced the offer, which is crafted for — if nothing else — a quick response from the head of the players' association, Donald Fehr, followed by some serious negotiations either here or in New York.

"It was done," Bettman said, "in the spirit of getting a deal done."

Fehr told reporters that the proposal is for six years. Bettman did not confirm that number.

"Our hope," he said, "after we review this is that there will be a feeling on the players' side that this will be a proposal from which we can negotiate and try and reach a conclusion."

When asked if the new proposal was an improvement over previous offers made by the NHL, Fehr said: "In some respects I think it is. In other respects, I'm not sure. We have to look at it."

The NHL locked out its play-



**NHL players' association head Donald Fehr speaks to reporters following collective bargaining talks in Toronto on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012.**

**Associated Press**

ers on Sept. 15, and the regular season was scheduled to begin on Oct. 11. A Nov. 2 start date would extend the season well into June, but would preserve some of the marquee events, such as the Jan. 1 Winter Classic in Michigan. "I don't want to get into the substance other than to say we believe that this was a fair offer for a long-term deal, and it's one that we hope gets a positive reaction," Bettman said. "We have about nine or ten days to get this all put to bed, signed, sealed and delivered, in order for this offer to be effective and for us to move forward." Bettman said the long-term deal takes steps to guar-



**NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, foreground, arrives with deputy commissioner Bill Daly as the NHL and its locked-out player resume negotiations in Toronto on Wednesday Oct. 16, 2012.**

**Associated Press**

antee the players will get full value from their existing deals. And in order to pull off the logistics of the schedule, each team would have one additional game every five weeks in order to get a full season in. "Gary indicated to me and I assume he indicated to you that they would like to get a full 82-game season in," Fehr said. "We, of course, share that view and would like to get a full 82-game season in. But, we are not in a position to make any comments about it beyond that at this point."

All teams would also hold a makeshift training camp, lasting approximately one week. Veteran players who signed contracts overseas would need to scramble back to their team head-

quarters, as will the younger players who are working in the minor leagues, like the AHL, this month.

It is clearly the best offer — or counteroffer, for that matter — that has been made in the months of negotiations since last season ended in June. And the proposal is now in the hands of Fehr and his team of executives, who acknowledged that the proposal was stronger than the previous ones the union had received.

"We're going to be on-call to them. They have some work to do internally. Obviously, we didn't put this proposal, this offer, together overnight, and they're going to need a little time to review it," Bettman said. "I'm hoping that review will get us to a positive and

constructive place."

To that end, the union has formally requested time to look the proposal over.

"We're focused on getting the puck dropped on Nov. 2 and playing a full 82-game regular season and full playoffs," Bettman said. "That's what this offer is all about."

This is the third lockout under Bettman's watch, but unlike the previous two, dialogue has remained steady. The two sides last met last week in New York.

"We've given it," Bettman said, "our best shot."

And at the least, Fehr is encouraged.

"I would like to believe that it will be an excellent starting point," he said. "And we can go forward and see if there is a deal to be made." □



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## NFL Roundup

# Manning's 3 TD passes spur Broncos' comeback

BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Peyton Manning threw three touchdown passes in the second half as the Denver Broncos overcame a 24-0 halftime deficit to stun the San Diego Chargers 35-24 on Monday.

Tony Carter and Chris Harris, meanwhile, scored off turnovers by Philip Rivers. Manning completed 13 of 14 passes for a gain of 167 yards in the second half for the Broncos (3-3) who drew level with the Chargers (3-3) atop the American Football Conference West.

It equaled the fourth-greatest regular-season comeback in NFL history.

"It sure was special considering what was on the line," said Manning, a four-time NFL MVP and one-time Super Bowl winner who's in his first season with the Broncos.

Manning had won just one of his six previous games against San Diego, all with Indianapolis.

Rivers was intercepted four times — three in the fourth quarter — and lost two fumbles. A week earlier, the Chargers blew a 10-point lead in the third quarter in a 31-24 loss at New Orleans.

"When you lose it's rough, especially in a game where you had a big lead and so much at stake," Rivers said.



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning motions to teammates during the first half of an NFL football game against the San Diego Chargers, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, in San Diego. Associated Press

The Broncos seemed finished after a nightmarish first half in which Manning served up an 80-yard interception return for a touchdown by Quentin Jammer and two special teams fumbles led to 10 points for the Chargers.

"I thought we had a good plan. It was so disappoint-

ing to have these special team mistakes," Manning said.

Manning began the comeback when he hit Demaryius Thomas on a 29-yard touchdown pass on the opening drive of the second half.

On the ensuing San Diego possession, Elvis Dumervil

stripped the ball from Rivers and Carter ran 65 yards for a touchdown, holding

up the ball in celebration as he approached the end zone. □

## Vikings to host Steelers in London next year

CHICAGO (AP) — The NFL is doubling down on London. The league announced Tuesday that the Minnesota Vikings will host the Pittsburgh Steelers at London's Wembley Stadium on Sept. 29, 2013.

The Jacksonville Jaguars will host the San Francisco 49ers at Wembley on Oct. 27, 2013. This is the first time the NFL will play two regular-season games in London in the same season.

The Vikings previously played a preseason game in London in 1983. The Steelers have never played in London, but did play an exhibition game in Dublin. They have played seven international exhibition games, the last against the Buffalo Bills in Toronto four years ago.

St. Louis hosts New England on Oct. 28 in this year's game at Wembley. □

## SF, South Florida, Houston bid for Super Bowls

CHICAGO (AP) — Houston, San Francisco and South Florida are bidding for the 2016 and 2017 Super Bowls.

NFL owners will vote next May between San Francisco — the 49ers are building a new stadium in Santa Clara, California, — and South Florida for the 50th Super Bowl in 2016.

The loser of that race will then compete

with Houston for hosting the 2017 game. Several owners have said a return to SunLife Stadium in Miami would require major upgrades to the building, and commissioner Roger Goodell says Tuesday that the Dolphins "feel that (renovations) are a large part of their bid." South Florida has hosted the most Super Bowls, 10, the last in 2010. Houston has done two, the most recent in 2004. □



# Some of the faster players are getting slow

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Georgia (AP)** — Five tourna-

ments into his rookie season, Brian Harman realized his game wasn't suited for the PGA Tour.

He played too fast.

At a time when tournament golf is getting unwanted attention for taking too long, Harman is among several young players setting a good pace, not to mention a good example. But after more than a month of standing around, he needed help. So he called Lucas Glover, a mentor with a quick trigger.

"I talked to him about playing slower," Harman said. "I said, 'Look, man, it's driving me nuts out here.'"

Glover gave him a few tips from his own experience. Be the last player to leave the tee box. Walk slower to the ball. Get water when you're not thirsty. Use the bathroom even if you don't have to go. Take a little more time studying the yardage book.

A week later, Glover was driving from Sea Island to south Florida for the Seminole Pro-Member when he asked his girlfriend to check the scores from the second round of the Honda Classic. She mentioned that some guy named Brian Harman had shot 61.

"The kid listens well," Glover said.

Harman is not alone, which is encouraging. The shame of it is that you never hear of slow guys who are consciously trying to pick up the pace. It's always the



**Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland tees off from the 4th during his World Golf Final Group 1 match against USA's Tiger Woods in Belek, Antalya, Turkey, Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012. Associated Press**

other way around.

Dustin Johnson is another player who pulls the club, sees the shot and hits the shot. He was the second to tee off on the par-5 12th hole at Doral a few years ago. It took him 14 seconds to take the driver from the bag, place the ball on the tee, find his target, take a practice swing and step over the ball. Four seconds later, the ball was airborne. Johnson might have been fast to a fault. Think back to the second hole at Pebble Beach in the final round of the 2010 U.S. Open. Before Johnny Miller could complete a sentence, Johnson took three chips — one from the left side — on his way to a triple bogey that cost him his three-shot lead. Then, he quickly pulled driver and hit into the bushes for a lost ball and double bogey, and his Open was over.

That wasn't what led to the

change, though. Just like Harman — and Rory McIlroy, Rickie Fowler, Brandt Snedeker and others — Johnson figured if no one else was going to speed up, it would only help him slow down. That or lose a piece of his sanity.

"Guys out here play really slow, and they're not going to speed up," Johnson said. "I can be miserable, play fast all day and wait, or I can slow down a bit, which can't hurt."

Johnson is still quick, and much quicker than most. He takes a little more time when he gets to the ball, waits a few seconds to pull the club from the bag. And he's taking more time on the green, looking at putts from multiple sides of the hole.

But that's what golf has come to in this generation. Instead of the faster players bringing everyone else up to speed, they have to

downshift.

"It can be painful if you play quick," Fowler said. "You're going to be spending a lot of time standing there. It almost starts hurting your legs and feet when you're just standing there. I learned quickly that you have to be patient."

Criticizing slow play is as easy as shooting fish in a barrel. For all the anecdotal evidence, the fix is not as simple as it might seem. When greens are firm and fast, there are going to be more putts that run 4 feet by the hole. Those aren't considered tap-ins. Rules officials have lobbied for years to reduce the size of the fields because too many players can turn a golf course into the 405 in Los Angeles during rush hour, which is just about any hour.

Meantime, players have a choice — stand around or slow down.

McIlroy gave golf a jolt of energy with his exciting game, and adding to his appeal was how quickly he went about his business. He can be an inspiration to young golfers not only with the way he plays and his good manners, but his pace. Now, however, even Boy Wonder has joined the ranks of fast players who have learned to slow down. He traces that to the final round of the 2011 Masters, although he places the blame on his epic meltdown to his swing and his putting, not how long he had to wait. McIlroy was in the last group with Angel Cabrera, as fast as any

golfer on the planet. Ahead of them were K.J. Choi and Charl Schwartzel, with Jason Day in the next group.

"I played with Cabrera, who's really quick," McIlroy said. "After that, I realized I'm just going to slow it down a little bit, and it's helped. I hate slow play. I don't want to get frustrated by me playing quick and having to wait all the time. I just sort of try to take my time a little more."

Brandt Snedeker says he has slowed down, which is hard to believe. Snedeker walks fast and talks fast, and even his practice strokes on the putting green are done in rapid-fire succession. He learned that from his father, Larry, who instilled in his sons at a young age not to make anyone behind them wait. That's the only way Snedeker knows.

But even he concedes to marching to a slightly slower beat.

"Otherwise, I'd end up waiting all day," Snedeker said. "We're conditioned to slow play. Unfortunately, it's become that way. I wish we could play every round under four hours. But you've got to get used to that."

That's what Pat Perez has done. He doesn't slow down. He doesn't like the pace of play. He has just learned to accept it.

Perez was paired with one of the more notorious snails in the final group one year when someone asked him if the pace would hurt his chances. Perez has never blamed his failures on anyone but himself, and he wasn't about to start. □

## NLCS

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Scutaro's hit was even sweeter for the Giants due to the fact that Holliday misplayed the ball in left field, allowing a third run to score on the error.

Scutaro left after five innings because of an injured left hip, and will undergo X-rays.

The series now shifts to St. Louis for three games, starting with Game 3 on

Wednesday when San Francisco pitcher Matt Cain takes on Kyle Lohse of the Cardinals.

The Giants also benefited from a missed call by an umpire in the eighth inning after St. Louis center fielder Jon Jay made a spectacular, diving catch to rob Brandon Crawford of a hit. Jay threw toward first and the Cardinals should have gotten a double play, but first base umpire Bill Miller did not see Allen Craig tag Gregor Blanco's jersey as



**St. Louis Cardinals' Allen Craig, left, appears to tag San Francisco Giants' Gregor Blanco as Blanco heads back to first base on a fly ball during the eighth inning of Game 2 of baseball's National League championship series, Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, in San Francisco. The umpires called him safe. The Giants won 7-1. Associated Press**

he raced back to first on the play. St. Louis manager Mike Matheny argued the call and the umpires huddled to discuss it, but they maintained the safe call even though replays showed Craig made the tag. The Giants capitalized when Ryan Theriot hit a two-run single to make it 7-1. Back at Busch Stadium, Holliday will be cheered after being the target of boos all night following his aggressive play on the base paths. □



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### WNBA Finals

# Fever are 'here for real' with 1-0 lead on Lynx

DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) —

Mid-way through the fourth quarter of Game 1 of the WNBA Finals, Minnesota power forward Rebekkah Brunson rose in the lane toward the basket with her team trying to mount a comeback.

Brunson was knocked to the floor as her shot was swatted, and Minnesota's chance to win the series opener essentially fell down with her. The Lynx were trailing 65-62 with about five minutes left, but they never came closer. The Fever quickly tacked on a lay-up on the other end and cruised to a 76-70 victory on Sunday night.

"It was what I call a thunder block," Fever coach Lin Dunn said. "She is rising up and she just slides that ball, and it just kind of set the tone: 'Hey, we're here for real, and we are ready to play.'"

The Lynx, looking to become the league's first repeat champion in 10 years, are at full attention.

"We want to make sure that we're not a team that gets out-hungered. That is really important," Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve said, adding: "We've got a lot to overcome, and we'll see if we're able to."

Game 2 is Wednesday night at Target Center, before the best-of-five series shifts to Indiana for Game 3 on Friday night.

"We've got a lot of competitors on our team that really hate to lose, so I guess in Game 2 you'll

see the difference," Lynx shooting guard Seimone Augustus said. "You'll see us come out and be a little bit more aggressive from start to finish. We're going to play and give it all that we have."

The Fever spent Monday getting massages at a spa before reconvening for practice on Tuesday. The two-day layoff between games probably wasn't enough for veteran shooting guard Katie Douglas, though.

After spraining her left ankle in the last game of the Eastern Conference finals, Douglas was missing from Game 1. Dunn said she's improving but unlikely to play Wednesday.

"Hopeful for Friday," Dunn said.

So the Fever will continue to lean on their tallest ladies, with Erlana Larkins and Tamika Catchings inside. They combined for 36 points, 21 rebounds and five blocks in Game 1 and held Lynx post players Brunson and Taj McWilliams-Franklin to a total of 16 points and 14 rebounds. "We had a great week of practice. We went over everything we could have possibly gone over, but they came out and they were ready to win," Brunson said. "They played great."

Catchings is still chasing her first WNBA championship at age 33. Larkins was out of the league the last two years before joining the Fever this season. No matter the perspective or the experience, the motivation is the same.



From left, Indiana Fever center Tammy Sutton-Brown, center Jessica Davenport, guard Karima Christmas and center Sasha Goodlett cheer on their team in the second half of Game 1 of the WNBA basketball Finals against the Minnesota Lynx, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, in Minneapolis. The Fever won 76-70.

Associated Press

"When you've never won a title you approach it a little bit different than trying to defend a title," Dunn said. "We've got players that had a taste of the finals in

2009, and they know what it was like and how close they came. It was almost like they had their hands on the trophy and it got snatched away."

The Fever lost to the Phoenix Mercury in five games in 2009. So they're not comfortable by simply taking the home-court advantage. □

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By: Dr. Carlos Viana

# Throat's Door

The word thyroid comes from the Greek "thura" which means "door," which is what the thyroid looks like. Your thyroid gland is the largest endocrine gland and is situated in the front of the neck. Your thyroid gland secretes iodine-rich hormones thyroxine and triiodothyronine which regulate your metabolism rate; but its effects are felt all over the body.

Thyroid glands that are not functioning optimally produce a myriad of symptoms. Many people experience unexplained cold hands and feet, low body temperature, sensitivity to cold, a feeling of always being chilled, headaches, insomnia, dry skin and hair, puffy eyes, hair loss, brittle nails, joint aches, constipation, mental dullness, fatigue, frequent infections, PMS symptoms, hoarse voice, ringing in the ears, dizziness, depression, fluid retention, anxiety and panic attacks, allergies, asthma, acne, skin hives, loss of libido, and weight gain, which is sometimes uncontrollable. In fact, an insufficiently nourished thyroid might be a major cause of weight problems, especially among women,

in the West today.

Research indicates that up to 10 percent of Westerners have a thyroid problem that has most likely gone unrecognized. If you are experiencing any of the symptoms above your doctor could send you to check your thyroid function through a blood test. Unfortunately, the test results may not be accurate. This is because test "averages" do not show how all of us are unique. Your individual thyroid hormone levels are not like anyone else's.

Thyroid tests will not give you an accurate indication of your ideal thyroid hormone level, because they are missing a critical piece of information which is your peak thyroid level when you were young and healthy. Should your thyroid test results indicate that you are in the "normal" range... say 5.5...but when you were younger you would have tested at a 9, then indeed, your thyroid is quite under active for you. At 5.5 you may feel very tired yet your doctor will tell you that your test results are "normal."

You can only truly compare you with you, and not a range of others. It would be ideal if we were tested when we were in our late teens and twenties and our peak levels were recorded at the topmost physical time in our life. Then, as we age, we could test ourselves again to en-

sure that our hormone levels remain at this peak level.

The second reason that the tests are often inaccurate is because they only show what your thyroid hormone levels are on the day of testing. Your thyroid is a "tricky" organ to both diagnose and treat since its hormone levels fluctuate all the time. What you eat each day has a tremendous and immediate impact on it, and how much hormone it secretes.

A third reason for their inaccuracy is that the tests do not indicate if your thyroid hormone is actually entering your cells. Your thyroid may be manufacturing plenty of hormone but your cells can become resistant to the hormone and not able to utilize it. This condition is called Wilson's Syndrome. If you have low body temperature and some of the symptoms listed above you could have this condition.

In our clinic we see a lot of hypo or low functioning thyroids. The first solution is to put our patients on their metabolic or blood type food list. Because of today's diet, people will likely never experience outstanding thyroid health, unless they are encouraged to change their eating habits.

Your thyroid can be nourished better with a diet that includes the good fats (olive oil, pumpkinseed oil,

real, unsalted butter, cod liver oil, and egg yolks) and mineral-rich foods (dark green leafy vegetables, sea salt and ocean veggies). Supplements that help in building a strong thyroid are kelp and selenium.

Most thyroid patients are women and many with low progesterone are often misdiagnosed as thyroid deficiency. Thyroid and sex hormones each affect the other. We often attend women with bulging eyes, racing heartbeat, and a swollen neck by naturally stimulating their progesterone production. Adding zinc to your daily supplement routine is important for sexual health.

Irregular periods, often leading to needless hysterectomies, are unfortunate common aspects of hypothyroidism; and breast disease. Too little thyroid production may cause increased prolactin levels and persistent estrogen stimulation.

Prolactin is the hormone that stimulates the production of breast milk. Levels rise normally during pregnancy and breastfeeding. Abnormal changes in prolactin production can slow or stop your menstruation and you may find that you are producing milk from your breasts when you are not pregnant.

Get The Point! Your thyroid may not be working at its optimum if you

are experiencing some of the symptoms mentioned above. If the guardian in your throat isn't handling the job anymore, maybe it's time for a change of guard. Take control of your health by opening the door to diet and lifestyle changes. Don't settle for "averages." We are all different; we offer specialized hormone and other testing. Let us prepare a personal plan to fortify your health.

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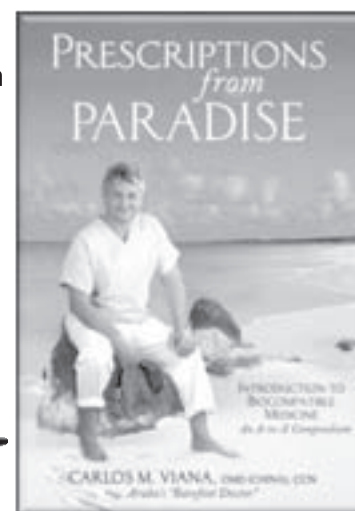
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## EU regulators ask Google to change privacy policy

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AP Business Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — European regulators have asked Google to clarify its new privacy policy and make it easier for users to opt out of it because of concerns that the web giant may be collecting too much data and holding it for too long. France's data protection agency led a European investigation into Google's new unified privacy policy, which replaces individual policies for its search, email and other services, and regulates how it uses the personal data it collects. The policy allows Google to combine data collected from one person using its disparate services, from Gmail to YouTube.

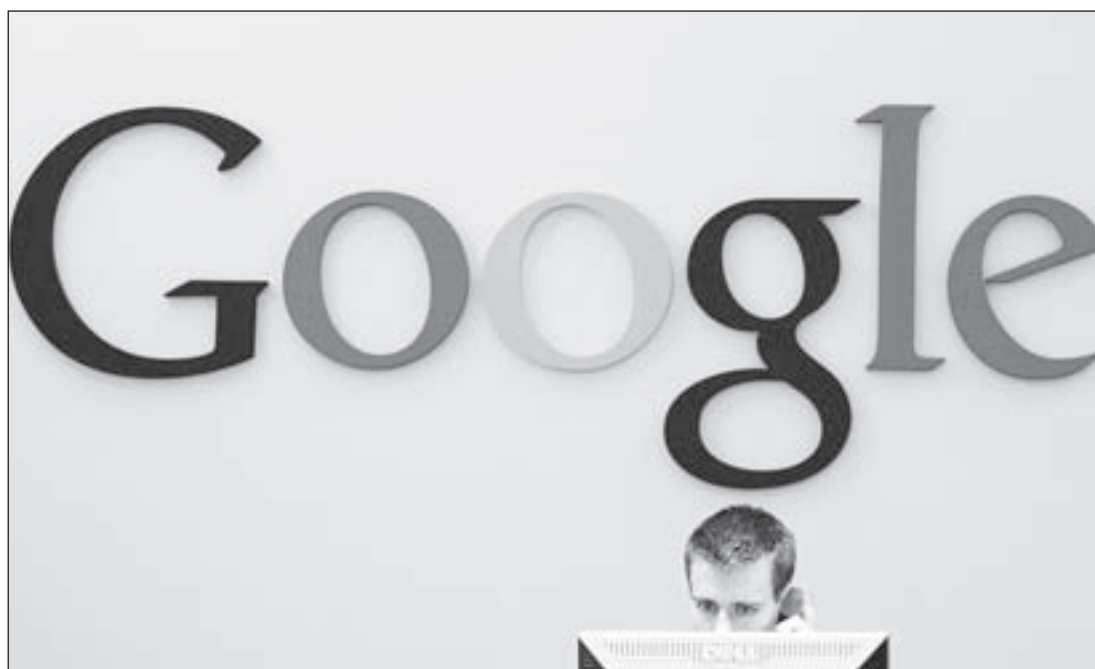
That gives Google a powerful tool for targeting the user with advertising based on his or her interests and search history. Advertising is the main way the company makes its money. The collection of data is not just limited to people with accounts to Google applications. The web giant can collect information from anyone who visits a website that has a link to its services — for example, a Google map posting. The French agency said that of the top 500 most-visited sites in France, 90 percent had a link with Google. With that kind of power, comes responsibility, the agency said.

The agency outlined three main concerns about the new policy: it's not clear enough in explaining to users what data is collected and how it will be used; it's too difficult for users to opt out of data collection and

combination; and Google doesn't always say how long it will hold onto data. The agency also noted that, under the new policy, Google doesn't differentiate between data collected, so a search term and a credit card number are treated the same and can be used for any purpose stated in the policy.

The agency, called the French National Commission on Computing and Freedom, was careful to note that it wanted to work with Google to change the policy.

"You have to understand the approach of the data protection authorities: It's not to make war with Google and to stop all innovation," said Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin, the French agency's president. This is not the first time Google has run afoul of regulators. In August, the company agreed to pay a \$22.5 million fine to settle a suit brought by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. The U.S. regulator alleged that Google broke a promise not to track Web surfers who use Apple's Safari browser, as long as they didn't change the browser settings to permit the tracking. As part of a separate anti-trust investigation, the commission is also looking into whether Google abused its dominance of Internet search to stifle competition and drive up online advertising prices. European regulators want Google to flesh out the vague parts of its policy, tailor the way it uses data to the kind of data collected and, in general, make it easier for users to wriggle



In this Oct. 2, 2006 file photo, a Google receptionist works at the front desk in the company's office in New York.

Associated Press

out of the wide net it has cast. In one example cited, regulators said that in order to opt out of targeted advertising, users have to take six actions — and that's just one part of Google's universe that the privacy policy touches.

All of these concerns and suggestions were sent to Google in a letter Tuesday, although the findings were presented to Google representatives last month. Data protection authorities in all 27 European Union countries signed the letter. Google's global privacy counsel, Peter Fleischer, said the company is reviewing the commission's report but believes its policy respects European law. Falque-Pierrotin, of the French authority, said that Google would have three to four months to respond but that there wasn't a firm deadline.

"We haven't asked Google

to go back to its old policy," she told reporters. "We've asked it to complete and clarify it on a certain number of points."

If it fails to comply, she said regulators could move into a more "contentious

phase" — but wasn't clear on exactly what that would entail. Data regulators in many of the countries represented have the power to fine companies, but the response would vary by

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# Intel 3Q profit down 14%, sees slow 4Q

PETER SVENSSON

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Intel Corp., the world's largest chipmaker, said net income fell 14 percent from last year in the latest quarter, and it's looking at tough conditions in the new quarter.

Intel blames a difficult global economy for declining sales, but analysts believe a shift in spending from PCs to tablets and smartphones may be contributing. Still, the company beat analyst expectations for the latest quarter, after the company had lowered expectations twice.

The Santa Clara, California, company said its third-quarter net income was \$2.97 billion, or 58 cents per share, down from \$3.47 billion, or 65 cents per share, a year ago.

Excluding the amortization of some acquisition-related assets and related tax effects, Intel earned 60 cents per share, handily beating the average estimate of analysts polled by FactSet, at 50 cents per share.

Revenue fell 5.5 percent to \$13.5 billion. Analysts were expecting \$13.22 billion, in line with the midpoint of Intel's own forecast.

Revenue from the side of

fell about 10 percent in the latest quarter.

Intel said it expects about \$13.6 billion in fourth-quarter revenue, below the analyst forecast of \$13.7 billion.



the business that makes PC chips fell 8 percent from a year ago, in line with reports from research firms IDC and Gartner that said worldwide PC sales fell more than 8 percent from a year ago. Competitor Advanced Micro Devices Inc. is bearing more than its share of that decrease, however. It has said sales

More significantly, it said it expects a gross margin of 57 percent, well below the average for the last three years of 64 percent. The gross margin is Intel's revenue minus the cost of making and selling the chips, so the lower forecast points indirectly to lower profit in the fourth quarter. The reduction is due to lower utilization

of its factories, and a shift toward to a new processor technology, which will idle some factories for re-tooling.

Intel's stock fell 75 cents, or 3.3 percent, to \$21.60 in extended trading, after the release of the results. In regular trading, the shares rose 2.9 percent. The stock hit a 52-week low of \$21.40 on Friday.

The shift from PCs and toward tablets is a threat to Intel because most tablets don't use Intel processors. Instead, they use cheaper chips similar to the ones found in smartphones.

Intel wants to get its chips into tablets. The launch of Windows 8, Microsoft's new operating system, on Oct. 26 gives it a chance to do that, since the software is designed both for PCs and tablets.

But Intel's expectations for the Windows 8 launch are muted. In fact, Intel expects a slower holiday season than usual. Normally, PC makers ramp up production for the holiday season, but Intel CEO Paul

## Roche posts 7% rise in Q3 sales

JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

**GENEVA (AP)** — Powered by demand for its cancer drugs, Swiss drugmaker Roche on Tuesday reported a 7 percent increase in sales of its pharmaceutical products for the first nine months of 2012.

The world's biggest producer of cancer-fighting drugs said its pharmaceutical division's sales over the three quarters rose to 26.2 billion Swiss francs (\$28.08 billion), from 24.4 billion francs in the same time period last year.

The company, based in Basel, Switzerland, had solid growth in its top three cancer drugs — MabThera/Rituxan, Herceptin and Avastin, which it said accounted for 52 percent of the division's sales.

Roche benefits from having strong sellers whose patents will not expire soon, unlike many of its major competitors seeking the next blockbuster.

Shares in Roche Holding AG rose almost 1 percent Tuesday morning to 184.50 francs (\$197.77).

In its financial statement, Roche said the strong growth in the third quarter was helped by the launch of its new breast cancer medicine, Perjeta, in the United States and Europe. Its sales were also bolstered by the weakening of the Swiss franc against the dollar and yen.

CEO Severin Schwan said the drug development pipeline has continued to feed into sales, and that the company is on target to meet its financial goals this year.

In a conference call with reporters, he declined to answer questions about whether Roche might reconsider its failed hostile bid of about \$6.5 billion to acquire U.S. diagnostics firm Illumina Inc.

Roche had announced in January an offer to buy the California-based company's shares, then raised that offer after Illumina's board rejected the bid.

# IBM's 3Q earns flat, revenue slides 5%

ARMONK, New York (AP)

— IBM's third-quarter earnings held steady, despite the economic jitters that contributed to a steeper decline in revenue than Wall Street anticipated.

The results announced Tuesday included a last-minute \$160 million charge that the technology services and business software company absorbed for a U.K. court decision that will increase its costs for paying pensions to some of its retired employees. The adverse court decision came at the end of last week.

Investors seemed more concerned with IBM's revenue, which dropped 5 percent from the same time last year and missed analyst estimates by about \$1 billion. IBM attributed the shortfall to a turmoil that has caused the euro and other currencies to weaken during the past year.

Those currency fluctuations

translated into fewer U.S. dollars on the sales that IBM made in Europe and several other countries. Analysts

tomor demand earlier in the quarter, according to Mark Loughridge, the company's chief financial officer.



**A scientist displays use of the IBM Internet Security Systems Proventia Network, which provides preemptive network security, at the IBM Almaden Research Center in San Jose, Calif.**

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

had factored the strengthening dollar into their projections, but apparently underestimated the impact.

IBM also saw stronger cus-

The environment became challenging in September, Loughridge told analysts in a conference call.

The company, which is

based in Armonk, New York, still stood by its previous forecast for its full-year earnings.

But the revenue shortfall and the specter of sputtering demand for IBM's products and services apparently unnerved some investors. IBM shares shed \$7.30, or 3.5 percent, to \$203.70 in extended trading after the numbers came out.

IBM Corp. earned \$3.8 billion, or \$3.33 per share, in the July-September period.

The company delivered the same net income a year ago, but its per-share earnings were 14 cents lower in the 2011 quarter because the company had more outstanding stock then.

It marked the 39th consecutive quarter in which IBM delivered higher per-share earnings than the previous year.



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# Earnings drive Dow to biggest jump in a month

**JOSHUA FREED**  
**AP Business Writer**

Inflation is low, earnings are high, investors are happy. Stocks shot higher Tuesday, giving the market its biggest gain in a month. Results at Mattel, Goldman Sachs, and Johnson & Johnson were all above expectations.

It was the second day of broad gains following a down week last week. Investors had been worried headed into the third-quarter earnings season that corporate profits wouldn't be good enough to justify the run-up in stocks in recent months. While earnings haven't been out-of-the-park great, they haven't been as bad as some had feared.

Also Tuesday, the Labor Department said consumer prices rose just 0.1 percent last month, not counting food and energy costs. And gasoline prices have come down since then. Low infla-



**Specialists Charles Boeddinghaus, left, and Douglas Johnson work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012. Stocks shot higher Tuesday, giving the market its biggest gain in a month. Results at Mattel, Goldman Sachs, and Johnson & Johnson were all above expectations.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

tion leaves consumers with more money to spend, and leaves the Federal Reserve free to continue its efforts to boost the economy.

In addition, an index of homebuilder sentiment came in at its highest level

since 2006, suggesting that the construction industry is making a comeback.

"The picture of the economy is one that's still proving to be resilient to a lot of the problems that investors are worried about," said Gary

Thayer, chief macro strategist for Wells Fargo Advisors. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 127.55 points to close at 13,551.78, its biggest gain since Sept. 13. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14.79 points to 1,454.92, and the Nasdaq composite rose 36.99 to 3,101.17.

The gains were broad, with nine out of 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 index rising. Telecom stocks had a tiny decline. Materials stocks rose 2.4 percent.

Mattel jumped 5 percent after reporting that brisk sales of American Girl dolls and Fisher-Price toys sent the company's profit well above analysts' forecasts.

The stock gained \$1.78 to \$37.20.

Johnson & Johnson rose 95 cents to \$69.55 after revenues came in ahead of Wall Street's forecasts.

Among companies reporting after the closing bell, IBM fell in after-hours trading after its revenues came up short of Wall Street's forecasts. Intel fell after its earnings and revenue came in below forecasts.

Other stocks making big moves included:

Apple rose \$15.03, or 2.4 percent, to \$649.79 after the company sent out invitations for an event next Tuesday where it is expected to announce a smaller iPad. □

## Coca-Cola to launch 'beauty drinks'

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Coca-Cola Co. and Sanofi are partnering to launch a line of "beauty drinks" in France.

The drinks will be positioned under the Oenobiol Beautiful brand, but Coca-Cola declined to provide further details. The Coca-Cola business unit in France said in a statement that the drinks will be sold in a "small scale pilot" limited to a number of pharmacies in the country.

Coca-Cola, the world's largest beverage maker, declined to comment beyond the statement. But as concerns about sugary drinks grow at home and abroad, the Atlanta-based

company has moved to diversify its options. Earlier this year, Coca-Cola in France introduced Sprite with stevia, a natural sweetener that has no calories. The launch followed its introduction of Fanta with stevia in 2010. Sanofi, a drug maker based in Paris, bought Laboratoire Oenobiol in 2009; the company makes nutritional supplements for skin and hair care.

The partnership to make the drinks was reported earlier Tuesday in the Wall Street Journal.

Citing a presentation of the drinks made to the Sanofi works council, the Journal said the four Oenobiol drinks will be made of

mineral water, fruit juice and nutrition additives. The drinks will come with claims that they "help strengthen hair and nails, embellish skin, lose weight and improve vitality," the paper said.

In 2009, more than two dozen states settled a case with Coca-Cola and Nestle over the green tea drink Enviga, and claims that drink would burn more calories than it contained.

Coca-Cola and Nestle agreed to add disclosures to Enviga and any similarly formulated product to disclaim any weight loss benefits and note that weight loss is only possible through diet and exercise. □

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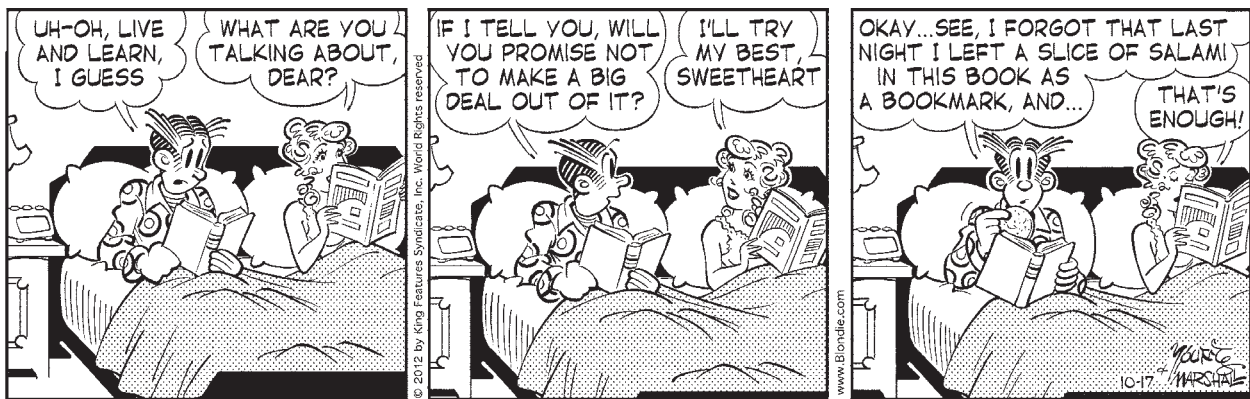
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 56 Attire
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- 3 Uninteresting

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- 8 Beach
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- 11 Nickel or dime
- 12 Mattel's male dolls of the '60s
- 14 Rubber ends of pencils
- 21 Spouse
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- 26 Force; urge on
- 27 Looped end of a lasso
- 28 Ore deposits
- 29 Tear to bits
- 30 Swine
- 31 Go in
- 32 Wash off lather
- 33 Quarrels
- 35 Miffed
- 38 Hoodlum

- 39 Wearing away
- 41 "Maude" actress
- 42 Actor Everett
- 44 Unchanging
- 45 Sight, smell, taste, etc.
- 47 Quick
- 48 Very eager
- 49 Volcanic output
- 50 1/8 of a fluid ounce
- 52 Linden or larch
- 53 Seldom seen
- 54 Person, place or thing
- 55 Clinton's VP
- 59 Crackpot



# Airline execs urge airport security overhaul

SCOTT MAYEROWITZ

AP Airlines Writer

**ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — Airport security needs to undergo a radical overhaul or else passengers will become further disgruntled, lines will grow and terminals will be overwhelmed, airline executives said Tuesday at a global aviation conference.

"We simply can't cope with the expected volume of passengers with the way things are today," said Tony Tyler, director general and CEO of the International Air Transport Association, the airlines' trade group.

Tyler spoke at an airlines conference held in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates. He predicted that by 2020, governments will be using a "checkpoint of the future" where passengers can race through without stopping, removing clothing, or taking liquids and laptops out of bags.

While a lot of work has to be done to get numerous countries and regulators on board, Tyler is optimistic that today's "one-size-fits all approach to screening" can be replaced with a system based on individual passenger risk. The industry hopes to test the concept at a handful of airports starting late 2014.

The example cited by Tyler and airline executives of what is working: the U.S. Transportation and Security Administration's relatively new PreCheck program.

Frequent fliers who voluntarily share more information with the government get to keep their shoes, belts and light jackets on at security. The program will be expanded to 35 airports by the end of the year.

"If you are willing to share a little more information, then you can have a much better experience," John S. Pistole, head of the TSA, told the conference. "We can then spend more time on those we know the least about."

The additional personal information would most likely be handed over voluntarily to the government by pas-



**Airline passengers retrieve their scanned belongings while going through the Transportation Security Administration security checkpoint at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, in Atlanta. Airline executives said Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, at a global aviation conference that Airport security needs to undergo a radical overhaul or else passengers will become further disgruntled, lines will grow and terminals will be overwhelmed. "We simply can't cope with the expected volume of passengers with the way things are today," said Tony Tyler, director general and CEO of the International Air Transport Association, the airlines' trade group.**

(AP Photo/Erik S. Lesser)

sengers who see the benefit of the time savings.

Pistole said the TSA would ideally like to analyze passengers' travel history and patterns but currently lacks Congressional authority to do so. Any such changes would occur after the election, at the earliest, he said. "I applaud the TSA. I never thought I would say it because they are the worst part of travel," said Montie Brewer, former CEO of Air Canada.

James E. Bennett, who used to head the Washing-

ton Airport Authority and is now CEO of the Abu Dhabi Airports Co., said that if the current immigration and security procedures remain in place as more and more passengers take to the skies, airports will run out of terminal space to hold all the lines.

Many airports have already undergone multi-million dollar retrofits to house additional security and there isn't additional room left.

The ultimate challenge may not be developing the technology but having multiple nations agree on uniform procedures.

"We cannot continue to build and build and build to provide space for the existing systems and queues," Tyler said. "The whole inconsistency destroys the credibility." □

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# Blood from Yosemite workers could advance research

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**FRESNO, California (AP) —**

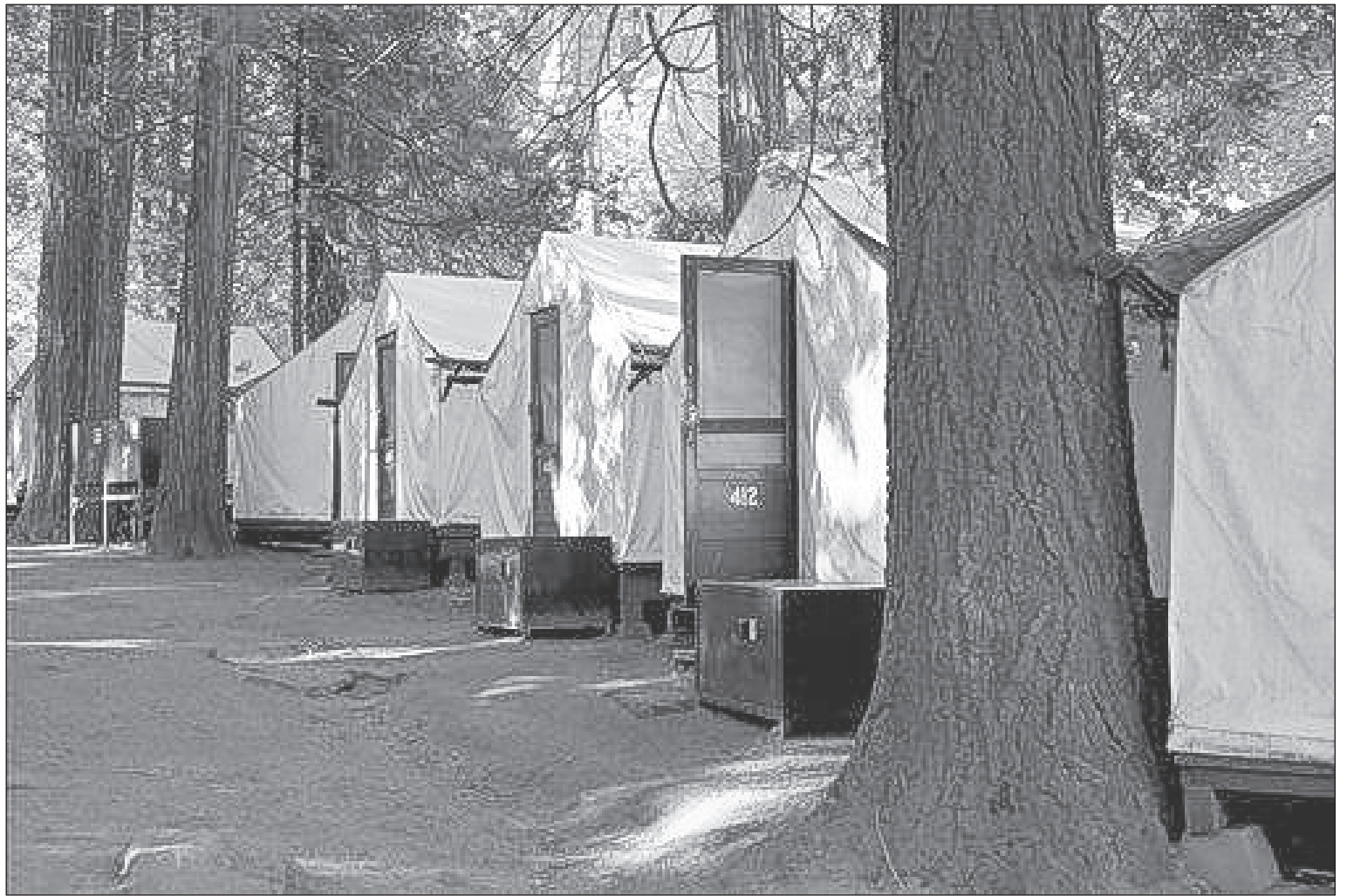
Health officials are set to draw blood from hundreds of Yosemite National Park employees as part of a research project that aims to help scientists better understand a potentially deadly virus carried by deer mice that killed three park visitors and sickened six others this summer.

More than 300 year-round employees will provide blood and answer an extensive questionnaire, as park epidemiologists and doctors with the California Department of Public Health try to determine how many workers might have been exposed to hantavirus pulmonary syndrome over the years, and why some people get sick and others don't.

Despite living and working in the same environment as the tourists who fell ill, no park employees were among those sickened by the virus that kills one-third of those infected.

"This disease hasn't been around for a long time, and there's a lot we don't know about it," said Barbara Maternal, chief of the occupational health branch of the health department.

Meanwhile, federal epidemiologists are still amassing data as they try to deci-



In this photo from Sunday Oct. 23, 2011, tents are seen in Curry Village in Yosemite National Park, Calif.

**Associated Press**

pher what caused the most concentrated outbreak of the disease recorded since its first detection nearly two decades ago.

All of the tourists who fell ill stayed in the “Signature” tent cabins in Yosemite’s family friendly Curry Village lodging area. Investigators

later determined that deer mice,

the most common carrier of the illness, were nesting inside the insulated, double walls of the new tents and likely were drawn by food guests brought with them.

Deer mice that live in areas with natural predators rarely carry the virus, said Danielle Buttke, a veterinary epidemiologist with the National Park Service. The infection rate for mice trapped in and around Yosemite Valley, where most of the park's 4 million annual visitors spend time, has been about 14 percent, which is the California average.

The virus is transmitted on

airborne particles of mouse urine and feces, but researchers say little else is known about it.

The park has initiated an aggressive trapping program as researchers try to determine whether human intervention can mimic the results shown by natural predation.

"We need to do further research to see if we can influence that," Buttke said.

People can be exposed to the virus and have detectable antibodies in the bloodstream without developing its flu-like symptoms. Likewise, people with mild cases could have been misdiagnosed or not sought medical attention at all.

Many of the employees who volunteered for testing are year-round are scientists, researchers and rangers eager to advance the science.

Park officials say they will also be able to determine how well an employee hantavirus prevention training program has worked. Lengthy questionnaires will assess behavior that might have contributed to or prevented exposure.

"It's such a great opportunity because we have a unique and interested populace to help us learn what exposures are occurring," Buttke said. "We want to learn to better prevent hantavirus infection in the future." □

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## AP source: Beyonce set for Super Bowl halftime

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Beyonce will take the stage at the halftime show of the American football championship Super Bowl on Feb. 3, 2013, at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, a source told The Associated Press.

The source spoke on condition of anonymity because that person wasn't authorized to publicly reveal the information.

The official announcement is expected Wednesday, the source said.

Beyonce, whose pop and R&B hits include "Crazy in Love," "Irreplaceable" and "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)," has won 16 Grammy Awards. The 31-year-old sang the national anthem at Super Bowl XXXVIII in 2004 in her hometown of Houston when the New England Patriots defeated the Carolina Panthers.

Madonna performed at halftime at this year's Super Bowl in February with guests CeeLo Green, Nicki Minaj, LMFAO and M.I.A. The New



**This May 7, 2012 file photo shows Beyonce Knowles at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala benefit, celebrating Elsa Schiaparelli and Miuccia Prada in New York. A source familiar with Super Bowl XLVII told The Associated Press that the Grammy-winning diva will take the stage at the Pepsi NFL Halftime Show on Feb. 3, 2013 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, La.**

Associated Press

York Giants beat the New England Patriots in a thrilling rematch of the contest four years earlier. □

## Khloe Kardashian, Mario Lopez to host 'The X Factor'

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Mario Lopez and Khloe Kardashian Odom are officially joining "The X Factor."

After weeks of speculation, Fox announced Tuesday that the "Extra" host and the "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" co-star will indeed host the second season of the talent competition. Lopez and Odom will first appear as hosts during the show's live broadcasts next month, the network said. "The worst kept secret in Hollywood is out," said "X Factor" creator and judge Simon Cowell in a statement. "Mario and Khloe are our hosts. They will debut on our first live show in November, and I couldn't be happier."

British television personality Steve Jones served as the sole host for the first season of the U.S. edition of the show. The addition of Lopez and Kardashian is the latest shift for the underperforming singing contest.



**In this Sept. 23, 2012 file photo, Mario Lopez arrives at the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre, in Los Angeles.**

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**In this Aug. 8, 2012 file photo, Khloe Kardashian attends the InStyle Summer Soiree at The London Hotel, in West Hollywood, Calif.**

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Britney Spears and Demi Lovato joined Cowell and L.A. Reid on "The X Factor" judging panel at the start of the second season. The pair replaced Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger. "I'm very excited to be joining 'The X Factor' team," said Lopez, who has also

hosted MTV's "America's Best Dance Crew" for the past seven seasons. "I love the show, and I've been a big fan of Simon Cowell and the judges for a long time. Khloe and I have been friends for years, and I know we'll be a great team and have a blast." □

## Justin Bieber turns style icon for Adidas NEO Label



**In this undated handout photo released by Adidas NEO Label, singer Justin Bieber poses for a portrait in Los Angeles.**

**LONDON (AP)** — Teen superstar Justin Bieber has teamed up with the Adidas NEO Label to be its new global style icon. The two-year partnership with the German sportswear com-

pany was announced Tuesday. The Canadian pop star, who cites James Dean as his fashion idol, says the collaboration is a "perfect fit" because "we both believe in living life to the full-

est, being young, free and making our own style." The 18-year-old singer will front the company's ad campaigns and fans will be able to shop for his personally selected favorite looks.



## DreamWorks Animation SKG founders donate

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The founders of the studio behind "Shrek," "Madagascar" and "Kung Fu Panda" are donating \$90 million to a Hollywood charity that offers support to seniors and health services for members of the entertainment industry.

Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen, whose last names represent the "SKG" in DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc.,

said Tuesday they are donating \$30 million each to the Motion Picture and Television Fund.

The fund kicked off a campaign in February to raise \$350 million over three years.

Other notable donors include actor Kirk Douglas and his wife Anne, who pledged \$20 million, and Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., which pledged \$20 million. □



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In this Sept. 8, 2012 file photo, actor Johnny Depp participates in a photo call and press conference for the film "West of Memphis" at TIFF Bell Lightbox during the Toronto International Film Festival, in Toronto.

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## Johnny Depp starting book imprint

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Johnny Depp is bringing a dash of cool to the book world. Depp will help run a publishing imprint with the same name as his production company, Infinitum Nihil, meaning "Nothing is forever." Already on the list of books is "The Unraveled Tales of Bob Dylan," which aims to set the record straight on the songwriter's enigmatic life and career and will be based in part on interviews with Dylan by best-selling historian Douglas Brinkley.

The imprint will be part of HarperCollins Publishers, which announced Monday that Depp will seek "authentic, outspoken and visionary ideas and voices." "I pledge, on behalf of Infinitum Nihil, that we will do our best to deliver publications worthy of peoples' time, of peoples' concern, publications that might ordinarily never have breached the parapet," Depp said in a statement released by HarperCollins. "For this dream realized, we would like to salute HarperCollins for their faith in us and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship together." □

# Roger Moore dishes on 007 in 'Bond on Bond'

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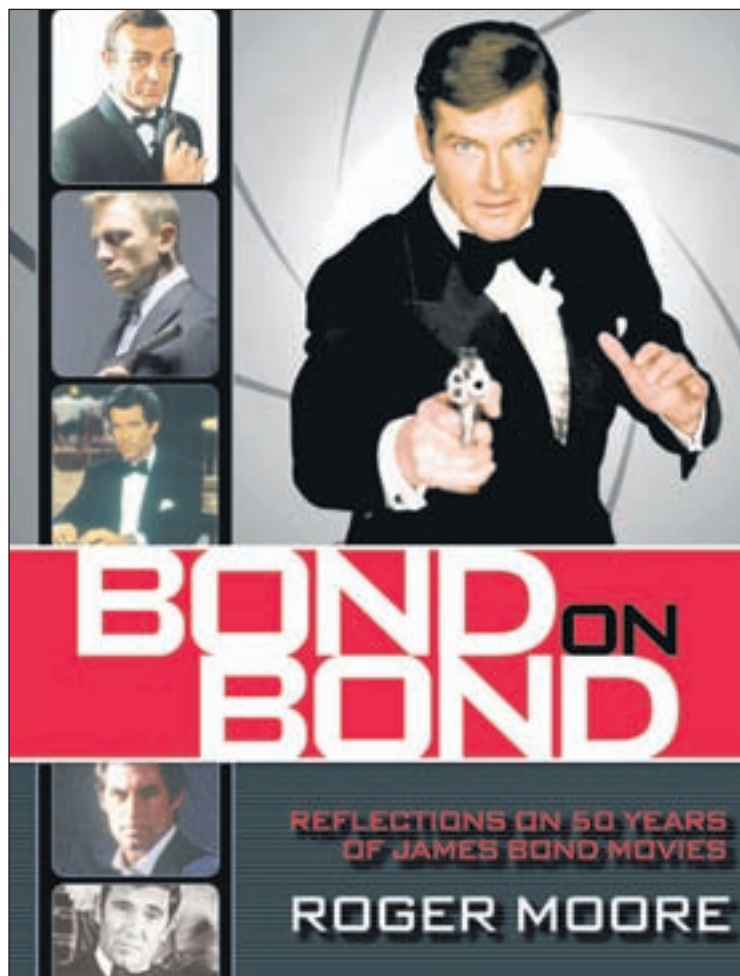
"Bond on Bond: Reflections on 50 years of James Bond Movies" (Lyons Press), by Roger Moore  
Peppered with fun facts and cheeky asides, actor Roger Moore's book looking back on the golden anniversary of James Bond on-screen is a treat for 007 fans. He takes us on a lively spin around the milestones of cinema's longest-running franchise.

Page after page of photos display the villains, the gadgets and the girls, making "Bond on Bond" a kind of 007 family album for those who grew up with the British secret agent — and never outgrew the fantasy of driving a fast car with an even faster girl on the way to saving the world.

You can still start a fight arguing whether Moore was a better Bond than Sean Connery, though that might show your age as much as your taste in 007s. Indeed, in his seven outings as Bond, Moore brought a light humor that set him apart from Connery's more serious and at times sadistic manner.

Did you know:

— Unlike Connery, Moore's Bond never smoked ciga-



This book cover image released by Lyons Press shows "Bond on Bond: Reflections on 50 Years of James Bond Movies," by Roger Moore.

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rettes. The actor writes that he had quit a few years before "Live and Let Die," his first Bond movie.

— Actor Desmond Llewelyn, who played armament expert "Q" in 17 of the films, was a technophobe who could barely operate

a video recorder.

— Moviemakers would dress up an air base near Britain's Pinewood Studios, home to the Bond franchise, so it could stand in for air bases as needed — in Cuba, Azerbaijan and even America's Fort Knox. □

## Tina Fey, Amy Poehler to host Golden Globes

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Tina Fey and Amy Poehler are teaming up for the Golden Globes.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, Dick Clark Productions and NBC announced Monday that the pair of "30 Rock" and "Parks and Recreation" stars have signed on to host the 70th annual Golden Globes ceremony after British comedian Ricky Gervais' three-year reign as the show's acerbic emcee.

"The unparalleled comedic timing of Tina and Amy will surely have viewers wanting to tune-in to see them in action," said Takla-O'Reilly, president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which honors film and TV at the Beverly Hills Hilton ceremony. "The HFPA is thrilled to have the magnetic duo be a part of the show's 70th anniversary!" The funny lady duo previously starred together in the films "Mean Girls" and "Baby

Mama" and on "Saturday Night Live." They co-hosted the NBC sketch comedy series' "Weekend Update" segment from 2004 to 2006.

"Having both Tina Fey and Amy Poehler on board to host this year's festivities is a major coup," said Paul Telegdy, president of alternative and late night programming at NBC.

"Tina and Amy have a proven chemistry and comedic timing from their many years together on 'SNL' to their successful co-starring roles in 'Baby Mama.'"

Poehler's "Parks and Recreation" is currently in its fifth season on NBC, while Fey's "30 Rock" is airing its seventh and final season on the network.

This year's Golden Globes ceremony was watched by 16.8 million TV viewers, finishing within 1 percent of the 17 million viewers who tuned in to the 2011 broadcast, according to the Nielsen Co. □

## Singer Arlo Guthrie says wife, Jackie, has died



This 1999 photo released by Rising on Records shows folk singer Arlo Guthrie, right, with his wife Jackie in Haleiwa, Hawaii.

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON, Massachusetts (AP)** — Folk singer Arlo Guthrie has announced the death of his wife, Jackie, at age 68.

Jackie Guthrie had inoperable cancer and died Sunday at the couple's winter home in Sebastian, Florida, according to an obituary released by Arlo Guthrie's record label. The couple had recently celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary. In a Facebook posting, Guthrie says his relationship with his wife was "a very great love."

"We didn't always like each other," he wrote. "From time to time there were moments when we'd have our bags packed by the door. But, there was this great love that we shared from the moment we met — a recognition — It's YOU! And we would always return to it year after year, decade after decade and I believe life after lifetime." Jackie Guthrie was from Salt Lake City and grew up in Malibu, California. She met Arlo Guthrie in 1968 while working as a cashier at the Troubadour, the Hollywood nightclub that was an epicenter for folk music at the time. Before they'd even met, Jackie walked into the dressing room and told Arlo's step brother that she would marry Arlo, according to the obituary, released Monday by Guthrie's label, Rising Son Records. □



## Pop Goes The President



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To the clamor for administration records concerning embassy security, I'd like to add my own request. I hereby subpoena President Barack Obama's iPod. Nicki Minaj? For real? On Friday the president claimed that her voice was one of those occasionally streaming through his ear buds. I don't buy it. For starters, she once rapped, facetiously or not, that she was voting for Mitt Romney and that Obama was a "lazy" noun-that-I-can't-print-in-this-newspaper. On top of which, the president strikes me as more of an Adele guy, rolling in the deep of a post-debate funk.

But he'd been asked to weigh in on Minaj's feud with Mariah Carey, and after praising Carey for fundraising help, he hastened to throw some love in her foe's direction. While Mitt Romney is on multiple sides of a single issue, Obama is on all sides of iTunes. Right about now you're probably wondering which journalistic titan assigned Obama the role of diva diplomat, daring him to effect a diva detente. David Gregory? Diane Sawyer?

Close! It was Michael Yo Simmons, a disc jockey who calls himself the "half-black brother with a Korean mother," moonlights as a correspondent for E! News, and was quizzing Obama for the Y100 radio station in Miami. You'd think Obama would be wary of such unorthodox terrain. You'd be forgetting that he's braved the wilds of "Letterman" seven times and "The View" five times and has the distinction of being the first sitting president to appear on a daytime TV talk show.

You'd also be overlooking the much-noted stretch last summer when he did interviews with People, Glamour and "Entertainment Tonight" while hard-edged media went hungry. On the website Mediaite, Jon Bershad teased: "As we speak, I imagine one of the President's top aides is running into the room excitedly. 'Mr. President!' the aide yells. 'Good news! We booked that interview with Mad!'"

This presidential election will go down as the one in which the pop-culture pander reached its ludicrous apotheosis and we were asked to believe things even more fantastical than a revenue-neutral 20-percent cut in marginal tax rates.

Things like Romney's swoon for Snooki, whose "spark-plug per-

sonality" he praised when he manned up for a grilling from 2012's heir to David Frost and Tim Russert. I speak, naturally, of Kelly Ripa.

Politicians once labored to affirm their seriousness, ticking off the tomes they'd read. Now they're as likely to assert their silliness, tallying up the stars they ogle.

Being a pointy head is risky, unless you're also a headbanger. So Paul Ryan balances his pie charts with his playlist: AC/DC, Twisted Sister, Rage Against the Machine. You look at those bands' names and think: The man has either a wicked sense of humor or a subconscious in florid rebellion.

I blame Bill Clinton, who toted his saxophone onto "The Arsenio Hall Show," an exhibitionist about his embouchure. But at least he had the courage of his pop-culture squareness, mooning over Judy Collins and "Chelsea Morning" rather than Courtney Love and "Doll Parts." His successor, George W. Bush, had the courage of his pop-culture ignorance. During his 2000 campaign, he conceded that he'd never seen the 1997 blockbuster "Titanic," couldn't place Leonardo DiCaprio and thought "Friends" was a movie.

When Bush sat down for his own Glamour interview and his interrogator mentioned "Sex and the City," his face "blistered in a purple fury," according to the article. He thought those words augured an inquiry into his erotic and geographic whereabouts.

These days, I get the sense that candidates are prepped as fully on the Billboard Hot 100 and the Nielsen Top 20 as on trade pacts.

Stuart Stevens to Romney: "Favorite Lady Gaga song?"

Romney: "'Poker Face,' because it's what a commander in chief needs to negotiate with world leaders!"

Stevens: "Favorite TV show?"

Romney: "'The Voice,' because 53 percent of Americans have a unique one, which can realize its potential if freed from federal regulations and the whining of the other 47 percent."

Obama has Romney beat on the television front, having already laid claim to "Homeland," with its theme of cunning in the war on terror. And while Ann Romney recently telegraphed a modern sensibility by raving about "Modern Family," she's pop-culture miles behind Michelle Obama, who made a guest appearance on "The Biggest Loser" and did push-ups on "Ellen."

The way things are going, I wouldn't be shocked to look up in 2016 and see Ryan on "Survivor" and Hillary Clinton chatting with Ricki Lake about her secret passion for the "Rush Hour" movies and crush on Jackie Chan. That's the sort of thing that pols believe will get through to – and reassure – a distracted electorate. I'm not sure if that says more about them or about us. □



## Death By Ideology



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Mitt Romney doesn't see dead people. But that's only because he doesn't want to see them; if he did, he'd have to acknowledge the ugly reality of what will happen if he and Paul Ryan get their way on health care.

Last week, speaking to The Columbus Dispatch, Romney declared that nobody in America dies because he or she is uninsured: "We don't have people that become ill, who die in their apartment because they don't have insurance." This followed on an earlier remark by Romney – echoing an infamous statement by none other than George W. Bush – in which he insisted that emergency rooms provide essential health care to the uninsured. These are remarkable statements. They clearly demonstrate that Romney has no idea what life (and death) are like for those less fortunate than himself.

Even the idea that everyone gets urgent care when needed from emergency rooms is false. Yes, hospitals are required by law to treat people in dire need, whether or not they can pay. But that care isn't free – on the contrary, if you go to an emergency room you will be billed, and the size of that bill can be shockingly high.

Some people can't or won't pay, but fear of huge bills can deter the uninsured from visiting the emergency room even when they should. And sometimes they die as a result.

More important, going to the emergency room when you're very sick is no substitute for regular care, especially if you have chronic health problems. When such problems are left untreated – as they often are among uninsured Americans – a trip to the emergency room can all too easily come too late to save a life.

So the reality, to which Romney is somehow blind, is that many people in America really do die every year because they don't have health insurance. How many deaths are we talking about? That's not an easy question to answer, and conservatives love to cite the handful of studies that fail to find clear evidence that insurance saves lives. The overwhelming evidence, however, is that insurance is indeed a lifesaver, and lack of insurance a killer. For example, states that expand their Medicaid coverage, and hence provide health insurance to more people, consistently show a significant drop in mortality compared with neighboring states that don't expand coverage.

And surely the fact that the United States is the only major advanced nation without some form of universal health care is at least part of the reason life expectancy is much lower in America than in Canada or Western Europe.

So there's no real question that lack of insurance is responsible for thousands, and probably tens of thousands, of excess deaths

of Americans each year. But that's not a fact Romney wants to admit, because he and his running mate want to repeal Obamacare and slash funding for Medicaid – actions that would take insurance away from some 45 million nonelderly Americans, causing thousands of people to suffer premature death. And their longer-term plans to convert Medicare into Vouchercare would deprive many seniors of adequate coverage, too, leading to still more unnecessary mortality. Oh, about the voucher thing: In his debate with Vice President Joe Biden, Ryan was actually the first one to mention vouchers, attempting to rule the term out of bounds. Indeed, it's apparently the party line on the right that anyone using the word "voucher" to describe a health policy in which you're given a fixed sum to apply to health insurance is a liar, not to mention a big meanie. Among the lying liars, then, is the guy who, in 2009, described the Ryan plan as a matter of "converting Medicare into a defined contribution sort of voucher system." Oh, wait – that was Paul Ryan himself.

And what if the vouchers – for that's what they are – turned out not to be large enough to pay for adequate insurance? Then those who couldn't afford to top up the vouchers sufficiently – a group that would include many, and probably most, older Americans – would be left with inadequate insurance, insurance that exposed them to severe financial hardship if they got sick, sometimes left them unable to afford crucial care, and yes, sometimes led to their early death. So let's be brutally honest here. □



# Citi's long run of stumbles, successes, near-death

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The bank Michael Corbat will take over made its first mark helping the U.S. government repay its debts after the War of 1812. Two centuries later, when the 2008 financial crisis struck, the bank needed a federal rescue from its own debts.

In between its founding and its near-death, the company now called Citigroup has played a central role in U.S. financial history.

It helped finance the Civil War, railroads and the Panama Canal.

It was among the first banks to expand aggressively overseas, and, when allowed, to open retail branches nationwide.

It changed how we bank: It installed the first, rudimentary automated teller machine in 1939. And it introduced "The Everything Card," the first general credit card, in 1967.

On Tuesday, Corbat was named Citi's new CEO after the abrupt departure of Vikram Pandit, who had led the company through the financial crisis and its aftermath. Corbat has witnessed much of Citi's recent turbulent history: He has been with the bank since 1983.

The Citi he'll lead is no longer fighting for survival. It announced strong financial results just a day before Pandit stepped down. And it remains the third-largest U.S. bank as measured by assets, behind JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America.

Its assets total \$1.9 trillion. But it has yet to regain the stature or status it once enjoyed as the largest and most prominent U.S. bank, one that expanded into a global financial services conglomerate.

"Now is the worst period in its history by far," says John Steele Gordon, a business and economic historian.

Citigroup was formed in 1812 as the City Bank of New York, a vehicle to help New York City businesses compete with those in Philadelphia and Boston. After the bank supported the U.S. war effort by subscribing to war bonds and lend-

ing the federal government \$200,000 to help it meet debt payments, it became a government depository. And it began to grow.

In the process, though, it stumbled many times. The first was when it nearly failed in the Panic of 1837 before being rescued by the magnate John Jacob Astor.

Astor installed Moses Taylor as director. Taylor invested in mines and railroads, so-

ket crash of 1929.

By then, the company was led by Charles Mitchell. Nicknamed "Sunshine Charlie," Mitchell helped fuel a dramatic increase in the sale of financial securities, including bank shares that would sink in the 1929 crash.

In congressional hearings afterward, U.S. Senator Carter Glass assigned most of the blame to Mitchell:



**This photo provided by Citigroup shows Michael Corbat, the new Chief Executive Officer of Citigroup. After Vikram Pandit abruptly stepped down as CEO of Citigroup on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, Corbat became Pandit's replacement. Corbat has held a wide variety of roles in his nearly 30 years at Citi and its businesses, including commercial banking and wealth management.**

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lidified and expanded the bank and became one of the richest men of the 19th century. He lent the Union money to fight the Civil War and turned the company into a national bank in 1965. Taylor's successor, James Stillman, expanded overseas and pushed the company into investment banking. This accelerated its growth: Under Stillman, the bank was the first in the United States to amass \$1 billion in assets.

But its aggressive expansion also threatened the company in later years — when foreign loans soured and when the securities business collapsed in the stock mar-

"Mitchell, more than any 50 men, is responsible for this stock crash," Glass asserted, according to an account in Time magazine.

Legislation that was passed after the crash, called the Glass-Steagall Act, barred commercial banks from a range of investment banking and securities services. Decades later, Citi's merger with the financial services company Travelers Group helped speed the repeal of Glass-Steagall in 1999.

Through the 1930s and '40s, Citi — by then called National City Bank — survived as a typical bank with mostly domestic assets. It grew with occasional ac-

quisitions. After World War II, though, the company returned to faster growth under James Stillman Rockefeller, George Moore and Walter Wriston.

Wriston was credited with many of the company's most far-reaching innovations and changes. He expanded the bank's overseas operations, issued the first credit cards, invented financial products such as negotiable certificates of deposit and introduced ATMs.

The first version of an ATM, called a Bankograph, was installed in 1939. It was removed after a few months because consumers disliked it. It accepted deposits. But it didn't dispense cash.

Not until the 1960s and '70s, when the machines were connected to financial networks — and could distribute cash — did they begin to catch on.

Beyond his substantive moves — he helped save New York City from bankruptcy in the 1970s — Wriston brought stylistic changes. He banished the "y" from the company's names: He renamed the bank Citibank and the corporation Citicorp.

"Walter Wriston was the archetype of the modern American banker in the 1970s and 1980s," Gordon says. At the same time, Wriston's vast ambition was its own weakness. The company became so big and burrowed into so many separate businesses that it became hard to manage. Its size and breadth would grow further in the years leading to its near-death in the 2008 crisis.

"It was a big, shaggy, powerful and complex animal that was roaming over the landscape," says David Beim, who was an executive at Banker's Trust at the time and now teaches at Columbia Business School. "It wanted to dominate everything."

The giant portfolio of loans in Latin America that Wriston left went bad and threatened the bank's solvency in the late 1980s.

The company was steered through that crisis by John Reed, Wriston's succes-

sor. Reed, a retail banking visionary, had turned the company's branches and credit card operations into perhaps the best in the country. He did so, in part, through the aggressive roll-out of ATMs that began under Wriston. The strength of the retail banking operations gave the company the stability to survive its Latin American losses.

But Reed had his own ambitions. In 1998, he agreed to merge the company with Travelers Group, a conglomerate run by Sanford Weill. Travelers included an insurance company, the investment bank Salomon Brothers and the stock brokerage Smith Barney.

A key factor behind the decision to merge was anticipation that the Glass-Steagall act would soon be repealed. A year later, it was.

At first, Reed and Weill served as co-CEOs and co-chairmen. The arrangement didn't last. Reed was ousted in 2000.

Charles Prince replaced Weill as CEO in 2003. Weill remained as chairman. And the company basked in its status as the world's biggest and most ambitious bank.

Four years later, Prince was deposed as losses from mortgage-related securities mounted. It was the start of Citi's darkest period.

When Pandit took over in 2007, he tried to keep the bank afloat as its health quickly deteriorated. In the fall of 2008, the company had to be rescued with \$45 billion in taxpayer aid. The government later converted \$25 billion of the aid into an ownership stake.

The capital infusion stabilized the bank. And Pandit was credited with slimming the bank down, fixing its balance sheet and quickly repaying the government. In late 2010, the Treasury Department sold the last of its stake in Citigroup. The government said it made \$12 billion on the sale.

Now, it's Corbat's turn. In a letter to employees Tuesday, he said he would take time to evaluate the business.

And, he said, there would be changes. □